

## Northampton Arts Council

9 February 2021

### Municipal and 501C3

**Present:** Jesse Hassinger, Kent Alexander, Ashlynn Cradic, Michael Abbatiello, Rachel Hart, Danielle Amodeo, Freeman Stein, Lori Steiner, Ellen Augarten, Kathy Service (Inc)

**Absent:** Esther White (Inc), George Myers (Inc), Eamonn Edge (Muni)

**Members awaiting appointment:** Thulani Davis, Dana Osterling

**Guest:** Lilli P

**LCC Grant Allocation** – Allocate LCC Grant Funds

#### **Committee Updates**

**Artist Reception (Freeman, Lori)** – Tabled

**Biennial (Ellen, Lori, Kathy, Ashlynn, Zoe)** – Updates

**Cinema (Danielle, Ashlynn, Michael)** – KidsBestFest

**Equity (Esther, Danielle, Rachel, Freeman, Kent, Ashlynn)** – Race & Gender Equity Training for the Board

**Grant Round (Esther, Rachel, Freeman)** – Updates

**Board Membership** – New Member Updates

**Online Communications (Eamonn, Danielle)** – Tabled

**Poet Laureate (Kathy S., Ellen, Kent)** – Updates

**Public Art** – Updates

**School (Freeman, Lori)** – Updates

**Volunteer (Kathy S)** – Tabled

Meeting Commenced at 7:10 pm

Brian made the announcement that this meeting is being held via Zoom and is also being audio and video recorded.

There were no members from the public with comment.

Meeting Minutes- None to approve as last month's meeting was the grants review

#### **LCC Grant Allocation**

The majority of the meeting was given to the allocation process following the 'scoring' of the 96 grants that had been received and discussed last month. We had \$17924.00 that was to be given out; however, after discussion an extra \$4036.00 was to be taken out of the Inc budget to increase the amount being bestowed. This new amount was brought to a vote and passed unanimously except for one abstention, Kathy Service (who abstained from entire allocation process d/t conflict of interest).

#### **New Business**

## **Northampton Abolition Now**

The Arts Council was asked to endorse this Jesse started the conversation about this movement. A lively detailed discussion followed which included aim (move money from the police department to more social community programs- see website for details) history, terminology and burden/benefits of signing onto this movement either as individuals or the council as a whole.

It was decided the conversation was very involved with numerous questions and concerns that would be better served with members examining this in more detail to be followed-up in our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Service

Clerk, NAC Inc.