



Malden Cultural Council
Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2026
6:30 p.m.

In attendance in person Sue Tufts (Chair), Crystal Beauchemin (Secretary), Jim Genzale (Treasurer), Danya Goodman, Jen Kuhnberg, Leilani Ricardo (Co-Chair), Ed Rocha. No Teams attendees.

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 by Sue Tufts

Topics and Discussion

- **Approval of December meeting minutes:** Motion to approve- Leiliani; Seconded- passed unanimously
- **Grant Liaisons**
Discussed assignments and what role is – extension requests, attending the event/photos if possible, discussion if there are issues. Someone will send information if necessary. Scope, Content or timeline changes require a vote – 3 people at minimum

To do – One email to all members- reminder to send a date, please share any promotional materials.

To do – Create grantee event calendar – share read only to all

- **Treasurer Update – Jim**
 - Jan. 21 met with Kathleen and Controller. We have \$10k to use from the City which must be obligated/encumbered by 06/30/26 (the current fiscal year end). Last year we paid \$5,300 to vendors to put on MACFest – \$2,200 went to tents/chairs/table rentals. The largest vendor payment was Malden Creates/Maplewood events. Suggestion to consider having Malden Creates be our fiscal sponsor for this event – pay and manage all vendors/logistics - cleaner accounting, easier to encumber money. Biggest hurdle for the City was processing the number of invoices (total of 19).
 - Conversations about direct granting vs reimbursement. Auditing wouldn't be on City; it would be on State. City Councilor Macdonald, who is fiscal liaison, supports direct granting
- **MAC Fest**
 - Consideration for grouping/batching invoices somehow?
 - Consideration for matching funds \$6k from admin fee we have earmarked from MCC funds
 - Planning team is Danya, Allie and Jenn, and anyone interested in joining
- **Discussion**

Malden Language Access Coordinator- wanted to get in touch with our grantees to promote that we have volunteers and translators

FY25 grant - official notice for when end of payment period is coming up and the report hasn't been submitted

Subcommittees:

Local priorities/grant evaluation – Jim, Ed, Crystal, Sue (chair), Sarah [must do a community survey to shape the priorities] must be submitted in early Aug to make any changes, must have a public meeting with quorum and public vote in July; survey should end around April/May

Social Media - Sue, Ed (chair), (backup)

Grantee/Networking reception - Crystal (chair), Jenn, Ed – need to schedule a meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM by Sue Tufts.