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WESTFIELD CITY CLERK

Personnel Action Committee

Minutes for 09/05/2019 meeting

Committee Members – William Onyski (present), Brent Bean (not present) and Cindy Harris, Chair (present)

The Law Department has requested that we ask if anyone is audio or video taping, or livestreaming this meeting, if so please state name = none.

Agenda Item #1:

Submitting the appointment of Linda Slozak, 115 Susan Drive as a member of the Cultural Council for a term to expire the first Monday of August, 2022.

Voted 2-0 to recommend that appointment.

Discussion:

Ms. Slozak has been a Westfield resident for over 40 years and has participated in and attended the various events that the Cultural Council has helped with their funds and encouragement.

She is a member of the Westfield Theater Group. For Westfield's 350th Celebration, she was part of the Time in Westfield performances and visited all the elementary schools in Westfield with that group.

Ms. Slozak is president of the Western Hampden Historical Society which emphasizes the history of our area. In addition she is involved with the Dewey House and teaches third graders about life in Westfield during the early 18th Century. Lastly, she is President of the Friends of the Athenaeum.

She is looking forward to being involved with the Cultural Council and helping to enrich the lives of our Westfield Citizens.

Agenda Item #2:

Submitting the appointment of Margaret McLennan, 15 Country Club Drive as a member of the Cultural Council for a term to expire the first Monday of August 2022.

Voted 2-0 to recommend that appointment.

Discussion:

She has a BA in Art History and is most interested in learning about all cultures – their history, music, their food and people. She believes that the knowledge brings awareness and understanding to our local community.

Since her retirement from MassMutual (in which she worked in Life Insurance and related Tax Implications), her travels have taken her to many places which enriches her understanding of the applications that the Cultural Council receives in the many diverse areas of all forms of Art and Expression which is then shared with all of our citizens.

Another area she contributes her time and efforts is by being on the board of the Sarah Gillet Services for the Elderly.

Her knowledge and background in the Arts and her compassion for others will be an asset to the Cultural Council's mission in decisions made in regards to the applications they receive for monies towards projects.

Agenda Item #3:

Submitting the reappointment of Steve Henderson, 36B Mosely Avenue, as a member of the Cultural Council for a term to expire the first Monday of August 2022.

Voted 2-0 to recommend that appointment.

Discussion:

Mr. Henderson is currently involved in the Westfield Theater Group and has been writing and directing Senior Theater and inter-generational theater at the Senior Center for 2 years.

He has his own business, Have Comedy-Will Travel, and is well known throughout MA. He was a speaker in Washington D.C. at the National Council on Aging Conference on the topic of Senior Theater this past spring.

He has a BA from UMASS in Playwriting and many of his plays have been published and produced in professional theater. He has an impressive listing of plays written and has directed in many area Senior Centers, High Schools and Theater Companies stretching to NYC City and Vermont. He has acted in a multitude of venues – and has won many awards in regards to theater.

In addition, he has taught theater for years as the owner of Steve Henderson Entertainment including for the Hampshire Shakespeare Company 2008 to present as their Education Director and previously at Pioneer Valley Performing Arts School.

The minutes for 9/5/2019 were approved on a 2-0 vote on 9/5/19.

Meeting adjourned 6:30PM.

Submitted by Cindy Harris, Chair
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