

# **Community Services FY 19 Second Quarter Report**

## **Boynton Public Library**

The final 2 annual reports to the Board of Library Commissioners were completed and submitted.

During this quarter, 2 different 'semesters' of NMS students were issued Boynton Library cards and given a presentation and instructions regarding the CWMars system and e-book borrowing. (thanks to LouAnn Bankowski for the idea for this initiative, and for taking charge of it)

After our final training, we were able to begin circulating our materials within the CWMars system. This represents a giant step forward for our library, and will streamline our work tremendously.

I met with Bob S. to share information regarding the renovation we hope to finally begin.

The library was notified that it met the criteria for certification.

We participated in a pajama drive for children fighting cancer

## **Veteran's Services**

1. Attended mandatory VSO training and passed exam. Now I am a certified VSO as required by law.

2. Attend wreath laying ceremony at Winchendon Veterans Cemetery sponsored by Wreaths Across America. Wreath was hung at Town Hall entrance by the DPW.

3. Attended Veterans Day celebration at Baldwinville center sponsored by the American Legion.

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## **Cultural Council**

The final quarter of 2018 was a busy time for the Templeton Cultural Council, since it is the period in which we receive, review and vote on grant applications for 2019.

The grant period began in September, with all applications due by October 15. We received 22 grant applications, for a total request of \$12,951. The applications, complete with letters of support and recommendation, news coverage of past performances, etc., were all included in a 168-page “panel book” from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. In addition to the applications that came through the state process, the TCC submitted three grants to help support additional community organizations.

TCC members were able to review all the applications in print and online, and we met twice to discuss them at length and decide how best to allocate the state funds to meet our stated mission of getting the most “bang for the buck” – reaching both a diversity of audiences and bringing the arts to large gatherings of local residents.

At our voting meeting in December, we awarded 18 state-funded grants, for a total of \$6,956. Denial letters were sent to applicants whose requests were not approved, and after a required period for reconsiderations, approval letters were sent to applicants that will receive funding for 2019.

Programs that were funded through the FY 2018 grants and held during the final quarter of the calendar year were:

Motorpalooza \$150

Haunted Walk \$150

Twilight Lounge \$225

## **TCTV**

### **Administrative**

#### Fall Town Meeting

- Cable Article on additional appropriation passed
- Amended FY19 budget submitted
- Part-time Media Assistant positions being made available
- Worked with TA on wages
- Submitted job descriptions
- TCTV 5-year Plan submitted to Capital Planning Committee

### **Programming**

#### Regular Meeting Coverage

#### Talk of the Town

- Veterans Services – Sheila has received numerous responses from it
- Town Clerk & Moderator – important dates displayed, slides made for TCTV Bulletin Board events

#### Story Time @ the Library

- Recorded and produced *The Shy Scarecrow* – Oct/Nov

- Recorded and produced *Christmas Magic* - Dec
- Combined with previous Christmas and Snowman Story Times, shorts on Making Cotton Candy, etc., for hour-long Story Time, every morning at 8 am
- Good feedback from Story Time group

### Holiday Schedule & Marathon

No Jack Frost Parade but produced 4 shorts

- Tree Lighting
- Nutcracker on the Common
- Where is Christmas Village?
- Quick Happy Holidays/New Year using photos

### Concerts

- Tropical Steel Drum Band
- Hoo-Doo Highway
- More coming

### School Intern program

- Interns worked on newscast with green screen
- Need school educational program to get a regular newscast off the ground
- Interns for next semester

## **Senior Services**

This quarter is a very busy time for us. Christmas and Thanksgiving are very hectic as we gave out about 50 turkey baskets, and then those that are in need of help for Christmas could sign up. This community helped a great deal of children have a good Christmas, without the generosity of their time and money this would not be possible. The American Legion really comes through for the kids year after year as well as other groups in town. We were having an issue with MOW, the meals were either the wrong type, missing, and at one point the meals had ants inside of the packaging. That has been resolved, and we are back on track. We were able to open the building to early voting on Oct 30. Sue and I attended the MCOA conference. We came back with an idea for a new programming and have since implemented it in addition to the chance to meet with others to share ideas, meet with state officials, and in general network with our peers. The police a palooza was great success, with guests that had not attended before. Heywood Wakefield provided entertainment for a Christmas Party the seniors thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We will be attending several educational programs this year, so that we are all better prepared to better serve our seniors, such as bullying among the seniors, how to prevent it, and how to deal with it. We continue to collaborate with other depts, to ensure that the disabled and seniors needs are met, by the town as well as outside agencies. As always we are busy with the needs of the seniors service needs.

