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Meeting of the Trustees Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

Roxbury Branch Library, 149 Dudley Street, Roxbury, MA 02119

MINUTES

A meeting of the Trustees Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at the Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library.

Present at the meeting were: Trustees Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Advisory Committee Chair and Trustee Evelyn Arana Ortiz, Committee Members: Priscilla Foley, Allen Knight, Jacqueline Johnson and Rep. Chynah Tyler. Elizabeth T. Nagarajah was absent.

Also present: Dianna Preusser, Assistant Neighborhood Services/Branches Manager, Candelaria Silva-Collins, Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Program Manager and Pamela Carver, Clerk of the Board. The meeting was also streamed via Zoom for the public.

The Clerk noted the meeting was being recorded and reminders to sign up for public comment. Trustees Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Advisory Committee ("Committee") Chair Evelyn Arana Ortiz presided and called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m. She read the opening statement. The Clerk took roll call and determined there was a quorum. The first item on agenda was approval of meeting minutes from December 7, 2023, which were approved.

Priscilla Foley gave brief general BPL updates. All locations except Uphams and Chinatown were now open on Saturday. Steady progress on filling vacancies.

Ms. Silva-Collins gave updates on the FY24 programs since December, She reminded all of the categories and targeted audiences. She shared some photos of the turnouts.

Castle of our Skins, Chess Wizards (starting up again for last session in April), Makanda Project had the highest attendance they have ever had and the Friends had a dessert sale and profits will support senior scholarship.

Movers & Makers, New Wealth Seminar, (final workshop was in January), Piano Classes (with Boston Conservatory students) were very successful.

Sewing 101 Bootcamp (this session included a gentleman attending and receiving his certificate).

Play Reading Book Club with ArtsEmerson were performing Moby Dick.

Take Back the Kitchen program hosted one session for older adults and one for families. The sessions run until early June.

Take the "A" Train were studying various African American historical leaders. Women's Reproductive Health Series was very successful from Jan-Feb. reviewing various topics from pregnancy through aging to a wide diverse group of women. Chair Yoga was well received and lots of repeat attendees.

Mrs. Silva-Collins noted that upcoming programs would feature the following: Greater Roxbury Book Fair in May. Chess Wizards in April through June, The CALM experience for Mindfulness during April vacation week on how to handle impulsive and aggression, and disappointment. The Roxbury Concert Series on April 6th and the Mother's Camp for Family Sewing on May 4th, Comics Camp during April vacation. MassQing Workshops would run April-May, Afro-Brazilian

Dance workshops from May to June 29.

Flyers will be posted on social media and also be featured on the website. They discussed the possibility of having a filter on the website specifically for Fellowes Athenaeum Trust programs. Ms. Foley said she would follow up with the Committee.

Ms. Silva-Collins noted that the Poetry grantee couldn't find dates this spring for the workshop and requested to postpone until the fall of 2024 or winter/spring of 2025. The Committee discussed if this would be granted on a case by case basis and not as a policy to automatically postpone. They noted that room availability would have to be secured early to ensure this.

Ms. Silva-Collins noted she has filed the required forms for recording students and also fills out observation forms on each programs. She will track zip codes of the participants to note if it is Roxbury residents or beyond who are attending the programs.

Next, the timeline for the FY25 RFPs was reviewed. The RFP will be issued on May 24th, the notice of intent will be due on July 1st, and the final proposals will be due on July 22nd.

The Committee discussed their next meeting to review/approve the proposals and agreed on August 15, 2024. They noted they will decide to meet virtually vs. in-person on a case-by-case basis for next year.

Ms. Arana Ortiz asked for new business and public comment, for which there was none.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela R. Carver

BPL Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Fund Budget

Corpus value June 2023: \$2,019,231.72

FY25 Expenditure: \$ 107,924.52

FY24 Carryover: \$ 35,532.69

Total available budget: \$ 143,456.69

****Late invoice: - \$ 10,000.00**

\$ 133,456.69

Greetings FATF Advisory Committee Members,

I hope you are having great summers. Attached is a chart with the FATF Grant applications and supporting materials. The chart indicates if the applicant is a returning or new grantee.

There were 29 applicants and 34 proposals. You will notice that new applicants have very diverse looks to their flyers. That is because I decided not to share the BPL template and process at this point. It will be share with all grantees at the grantee orientation.

Here is the link to a goggle drive folder that has all of the applications in it by applicant name or organization.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Ta8gSjchgKG4aT77Yf_Gbzmki031wlTT?usp=drive_link

The Greater Roxbury Book Fair put all of their supplemental materials in a google doc. Here's the link for that:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pcOMCAxp3ki65G8wTVdb_0pB3xaS54hh?usp=drive_link

Grant Applications – FATF 2025 (Compiled by Candelaria Silva-Collins)

(34 Proposals from 29 applicants)

Name	Organization	Project	Request	New/Returning	Audience
Michelle Coleman	Individual applicant	Ashtanga & Chair Yoga	\$10,000	New	Adult
Ephiteo Evans	Emerged Wellness	The CALM (Creative Activities for Learning Mindfulness)	\$3000	Returning	Kids (9-12)
Carole Walton	The American City Coalition	Greater Roxbury Book Fair	\$15,000	Returning	General
John Kordalewski	Individual applicant	The Makanda Project Concerts	\$8000	Returning	Adult (general)
S. Matt Read	Boston Comic Arts Foundation	Comic Camps Roxbury – ages 10-15 + Two stand-alone workshops	\$8500		Kids (10-15 & 6-9)
Sufiya Bavokidina	Individual applicant	Ambitions- Goal Setting Workshop	\$3500	New	Adults
Isaura Olivera	Resist, Inc. (fiscal sponsor)	Joy as Resistance- Afro-Brazilian Dance Workshop series	\$9930.00	Returning	Adults
Blanca Bonilla	Que Lindo	Latino Pioneers in Boston Project #2"	\$10,000	Returning (2023)	General
Leslie English	Individual applicant	Sewing 101, Sewing 102, & Family Sew	\$7,939.25	Returning	Adults & Families
Darnell Anderson	Thabasix Solutions	Math for Life (Manual & Mental Math)	\$7,500	Returning (2023)	Kids (4 th & 5 th grades)
Ciyadh Wells	Castle of Our Skins	Intergenerational programs that highlight Black history, culture, music, and arts	\$10,000	Returning (2024)	Intergenerational (families)
Cheryl Brown Greene	New England Black Gold Doll Club	Exploring Black History & Genealogy Thru Dolls	\$2,648.48	New	Adults & Seniors
Betsy Hinkle	The Boston Public Quartet	4 Chamber Music Concerts	\$10,000	New	General Audience
Brenda Atchison	Individual applicant	Art and Mindfulness workshops	\$2,765	New	Adults/Seniors
Julia Viskushenko	Chess Wizards	Chess classes	\$9,990	Returning	Kids (1 st -5 th grade)

Cezron Williams	Care for Needs of Others, Inc.	Lunch and Learn Conference (Retirement & Investing)	\$3480	New	Adults
Cezron Williams	Care for Needs of Others, Inc.	Financial Literacy 1 (Basic Financial information)	\$6,000	New	Adults
Cezron Williams	Care for Needs of Others, Inc.	Financial Literacy 2 (Personal financial literacy, etc.)	\$5,800	New	Adults
Carlos Vargas	Roxbury Concert Series	Five (5) Concerts	\$7500	Returning	General
Carlos Vargas	Roxbury Piano Program	Classes for kids, 3 per week	\$10,000	Returning	Kids
David Hirschberg	Haley House, Inc.	TBK (Take Back the Kitchen Classes)	\$9,135.00	Returning	Seniors & Families
Cornell Coley	Afro-Latin	Afro-Latin Drumming & Culture workshops	\$3030	New	Kids (4 th -6 th grade)
Maria Cabrera	Families Creating Together, Inc.	Clay Make, Take and Bake	\$2002	Returning (new topic)	Teens (1 session) Adults (1 session)
Maria Cabrera	Families Creating Together, Inc.	Magical Rainforest	\$2002	Returning (new topic)	Kids (5-9) and their caregivers
Kathy Eow	ArtsEmerson	Play Reading Book Club – 4 sessions	\$10,000	Returning	Adults
Faith Johnson	Full Circle Healing Arts	Art & Meditation workshops	\$4,899.40	Returning	Adults & Seniors
Joel Mackall	Reidren, Inc.	Tracing Our Roots Bootcamp & Genealogy Programs	\$6,785	Returning	Adults
Akili Jamal Haynes	Chibuzo Dunun	The Art of Dununs – Drums of Mali	\$10,000	New	Adults
Safiya Sanyika	Esther Christine Performing Arts Institute	Kwanzaa Celebration	\$8,000	New (has done this at branch)	Adults & families
Safiya Sanyika	Esther Christine Performing Arts Institute	Rising Stars Program (ages 5-17)	\$10,000	New	Kids (5-17)
Crystal Cobb Collier	Individual applicant	Literacy Empowerment for Struggling Readers	\$10,000	New	Kids (8-12)

Sonya White Hope	Sankofa Songs!, Inc.	Professional Development workshops teaching & learning Music of the African diaspora	\$9,550	New	Adults (Educators)
Dr. Lucy Lomas	Individual applicant	Women's Health Empowerment Series	\$10,000	Returning	Adults
Iris Evans	Individual applicant	Movers and Makers	\$5000	Returning	Families & Older Adults