



Public Information and Education MINUTES April 6, 2021

Committee Members Present: Innes Kasanof, Arthur Merrill, Tina Mole, Jim Sofranko, Joseph Cetta, Thomas Snow, Allen Hinkley, Dave Warne.

Present via Zoom: John Schwatz, Mike Meyer, Mike Maloney, Jim Bogner,

Staff present: Samantha Costa, Tim Cox, Alan Rosa, Jason Merwin, Cambria Tallman, Sonia Martinez, Danyelle Greene, Barbara Puglisi, Lynn Kavanagh.

The meeting was called to order at 11:44 a.m.

1. Minutes from the October 2020 meeting were accepted without change.
2. Samantha went over the spreadsheet of the Public Education Advisory Group's Round 24 grant recommendations resulting from an all-day evaluation session March 19. Student-Teacher Grants: 23 awards totaling \$168,348 were recommended. Public Audience Grants: 5 awards totaling \$14,131 were recommended.
3. Round 22 update: Since COVID-19 began, many schools couldn't complete their projects, so they decided to extend their contract out a year from their execution date. We have received final reports from 14 out of 32 grant and 16 final reports are due towards the end of this year. Two grants have been terminated (we voided the contracts, and they returned the funds. There has been constant communication with the recipients.
4. Round 23 update: Out of 36 applicants, we are left with 12 which have all received their funds. Many declined the grant due to COVID-19 and the uncertainty of what would occur with the virus. Constant contact has been made with all the applicants.
5. Art Merrill moved and Innes Kasanof seconded a motion to send the slate of recommended grants to the full CWC Board for consideration on May 4. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Next meeting: TBD