

The Bridgewater Cultural Council September 9, 2025 meeting was called to order by President Theo Simeoni at 6:02pm. In attendance were President Theo Simeoni, Nora Tarr, Hayley Bacewicz and Joyce Pitta. Joyce Pitta, Secretary read the minutes from the May 6, 2025 meeting. President Simeoni moved that the minutes be approved and was seconded by Nora Tarr.

A discussion was held on the 2026 guidelines. President Simeoni suggested keeping the 2025 guidelines but maybe tweaking them slightly. Nora Tarr suggested making the guidelines clearer on what is needed to file a grant. President Simeoni suggested we might consider not granting to the same applicant over and over again. Nora Tarr said contacting Cheyenne at MASS Cultural Council on how to tweak so more organizations can apply.

It was decided we would read the 2025 guidelines and email any suggestions for changes to President Simeoni and we would vote on any suggestions at our next meeting.

President Simeoni updated our member list and entered himself as chair. Our funding is to remain the same as last year. Ashley Prior sent President Simeoni an email with a list of approved grants and highlighting the ones that have been paid.

Nora Tarr suggested putting on Facebook information about grant deadlines and Hayley Bacewicz said notices could also be put up at different places around town.

After setting our next meeting for Tuesday September 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm the meeting was adjourned 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted

Joyce Pitta

Secretary

