

Framingham Cultural Council FY2020 Annual Report

The FCC makes decisions on how to distribute funds from the Mass Cultural Council. Awards from these and other funds are made to best serve the cultural needs of Framingham.

For 2020 the Massachusetts Cultural Council gave the FCC \$31,800 a 57% increase over last year's \$20,300. We also received \$4,500 from corporate donations and used funds from the other accounts to grant a total of \$47,800 to 41 applicants.

Two Scholarship Awards and an Honorable Mention award were given from the Rita and Bill Collins Memorial Arts Scholarship fund to graduating high school students to help further their education in the arts.

The FCC awarded Contributor of the Year awards to Herb Chasan, Hoops and Homework founder, and the Hoops and Homework program team, and a second Contributor of the Year award to Drita Protopapa, MAPA Translation & Language Solutions, president and founder. They also awarded a Special Recognition Award was to Framingham artist, Sorin Bica.

The FCC did not hold an awards reception this year because of the COVID pandemic.

The monthly meetings from April-June were held online using Zoom. The March meeting was cancelled. See the screen capture below from the May 13, 2020 meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Joel Winett (Chair), Chris Roppola (Vice-Chair), Marie Perez (Treasurer), Everton Vargas da Costa, Vicki Hammel, Leslie White Harvey, Philip Kaplan, Lois Levick, Vanessa Pendexter, Mary Beth Sheetz, Shannon Stevens, Cindy Walsh, and Julie Wiseman.



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