

DATE: November 30, 2021  
TIME: 9:04 AM

**Belmont Cultural Council**  
**Minutes of November 8, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Via Zoom**

**Attending:** Vicki Amalfitano (Chair), Jenny Angel, Evelyn Corsini, Volkan Efe, Millie Rahn, Annette Goodro\*, Gloria Pimentel, Kathleen Hagan, Yingchun Ye

**Absent:** Rebecca Richards\*, Juliet Jenkins\*, Nancy Linde\*

\* *non-voting members*

- **Introduction of New Members**
  1. Gloria Pimentel
  2. Kathleen Hagan
- **Approval of 8/24/2021 Minutes**
  1. Minutes were approved, with Gloria and Kathleen abstaining from the vote.
- **Treasurer's Report**
  1. \$7,800 from state. Holdback of \$300.00 to pay for administrative expenses including website and any annual survey costs, leaving \$7500 for grants.
  2. Millie will get final report for film festival; Yingchun will get final report for the Benton lending library grant.
  3. We voted unanimously to accept the Belmont-Arlington Chamber Chorus's desire to refund their \$400 grant, due to circumstances around Covid preventing them from rescheduling their Dec 2020 concert this year. Annette will follow up with the organization to get the money and allocate it to this year's grant allowance.
- **Grant Evaluation Process and Criteria: BCC Priorities, Community Input and Available Funding**
  1. Vicki summarized our priorities based on community input survey, and Evelyn confirmed our stated priorities.
  2. We received some applications from groups outside Belmont without a letter of support from within Belmont. There was some discussion about these, which total over \$11,000, equivalent to about a third of monies requested.
- **Review of Submitted Grants and Next Steps**
  1. We voted to rule out of consideration for an award the 9 grant applications from out of town that lacked a letter of local support.
  2. We made a preliminary pass at assessing the relative merits of the rest of the applications and assigned Council members to oversee each one, to be discussed in greater detail at our November 29th meeting.
- **There was no public comment or other business to discuss.**

- Adjournment at 8:44 p.m.