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DATE: November 16, 2023
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Belmont Cultural Council
Minutes of Meeting – October 25, 2023
Via Zoom

In Attendance: Vicki Amalfitano (Chair); Evelyn Corsini; Kate Creagh; Annette Goodro; Emily Kennerley; Gloria Pimentel

Absent: Sue Morris; Vera Savage; Nancy Linde; Rebecca Richards

Meeting called to order by Vicki at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of BCC August 16, 2023, reviewed. Motion made by Vicki Amalfitano to approve the minutes; seconded by Annette. Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Annette reported that MCC allocated \$8,800 to Belmont Cultural Council. With the addition of two hundred dollars which was set aside for administrative expenses last year and never used, the council has \$9,000 this year for granting. Further the council has \$646.37 in interest accrued unspent in its account with the Town. This year, interest earned monies will be used to pay for any administrative expenses and no allocation money will be used for expenses. Annette entered this information into sections one and two of our annual report on the deadline of October 17 which was before the date of this meeting. Motion made by Annette for the council to agree with the information entered by our Treasure into the MCC annual report. Motion seconded by Gloria. Motion passed unanimously

Annette reported that the Benton Library will not be applying this year. The Belmont Public Library Children's Room will be moving into the Benton Library while the new library is being constructed. The Benton Library expects to return in two years.

Grant Review

Members reviewed the twenty (20) grant applications for 2024. Discussion on each grant's merits and adherence to the board's requirements and guidelines was held. Preliminary selection of accepted grants was made. Assigned members will contact applicants for more specifics on questions and report back at the next meeting. Wicki will send out notifications to those applicants that were denied this first stage of review.

Vicki reported that from Rep. Rogers office she received notice of a new MCC Grants for Creative People initiative. She will send out the info to council members for sharing.

Public Comment – No Public Comment

Meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.