

Belmont Cultural Council
October 4, 2011 minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:40

Present: Sarah Freiberg Ellison (chair), Sara Bruya, Anne Levy, Anne Quirk, Rebecca Richards, Christine Sandvik, Ken Stalberg.

Absent: Alessandra Cooper, Jirair Hovsepian, Ilyse Robbins Mohr

Sarah Ellison began by confirming that the BCC's 2012 allocation from the state will be \$3870. She also reported that a few 2012 applications have already arrived.

In his impressive debut as BCC treasurer, Ken Stalberg reported on his recent meeting with Ass't Town Accountant Frank Martin. The exact figures are still to come but the BCC has some unencumbered funds in our town account that can be applied to FY2012 grants if we so decide. Once Ken double checks his calculations, he'll report back with details

The rest of the meeting was devoted to Sarah Ellison's overview of relevant changes in MCC's Local Council Guidelines. Among them:

- applications must now be done online, with hard copy mailed to committee;
- retroactive funding of proposals is now permitted;
- the reconsideration process for denied applications has been modified;
- the anti-dependency rule, which limited the number of years the same project could be funded, has been lifted;
- timeline for processing grants has been tightened;
- the distinction between PASS grants, which fund school trips, and all other types of grants, has been eliminated

The next meeting is scheduled for October 26th. All 2012 grant applications will be preliminarily reviewed at the meeting and assigned to committee members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Minutes submitted by Anne Quirk, Secretary