

Belmont Cultural Council
Minutes of Meeting - December 7, 2022

Via Zoom

In Attendance: Vicki Amaltifano (chair); Kathleen Hagen; Annette Goodro; Evelyn Corsini;
Volkan Efe; Gloria Pimentel

Absent: Ye May; Millie Rahn

Minutes

Minutes of the August 22, 2022 meeting with correction to July 7th minutes were read and approved.

Minutes of the November 9th meeting with recommended changes were read and approved.

Update

Vicki reported that she had reached out to Rebecca about possible options in closing out the Birdhouse project

Membership Update

Vicki stated that an application has been submitted for consideration to the vacant council position. Gloria stated that Kate Creagh has extensive experience in the finance and HR sector and is very interested in the promotion of arts in the community. Vicki explained that the application needs to go to Select Board for approval, and then Kate would need to be sworn in. Vicki will put in a word to the town administrator's office. Timeframe wise, Kate will probably join the board sometime in the January.

Treasurer's Report

Annette stated that there is nothing new to report.

Grants Update – Review

Members reconsidered the appeals of grant denials. Vicki reiterated that the recommendations of the group that members would eliminate those applications that did not fulfill requirements such as providing supporting documentation from a Belmont organization should be followed. Members reviewed the remaining accepted grants and made determinations on the amount of funding to each. Members were given liaison assignments to the approved grants. The council received many applications and selected the awardees after careful review and application of acceptance criteria.

Motion to approve the selected grant awardees and funding was presented by Kathleen and approved unanimously by members.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 14th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.