

**BELMONT CULTURAL COUNCIL DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

11/12/19 Belmont Town Hall, Room 4, Meeting started at 7:09 pm 2019 DEC -5 PM 2: 59

**ATTENDING:**

EVE ALPERN, JENNIFER ANGEL, EVELYN CORSINI, SARAH ELLISON, ANNETTE GOODRO, JULIET JENKINS (Chair), NANCY LINDE, ROBERT NALBANDOV, MILLIE RAHN, REBECCA RICHARDS, MARSHA SEMUELS, KAREN TWIETMEYER, MAY YE

**ABSENT:**

SHONOL MALIK , ARLYN ROFFMAN

**1. MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 30, 2019 MEETING:**

Reviewed, some alterations were made, and accepted as altered.

**2. TREASURER'S REPORT ON AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR GRANTS:** No new information.

**3. REVIEW OF INDIVIDUAL GRANT REQUESTS:**

To better ensure that the grants are fairly distributed and as diverse as possible in their content and appeal, Juliet separated all the grant applications into four categories: Seniors, Students, Artists, and Community.

Discussion began with the Community category and the goal was to identify those grants that will be denied and those that will be included in the next discussion. The following Community grants were discussed:

1. Belmont World Film's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Festival (Grant #4 on Council's list of all grants)
2. Lending Library at the Benton (Grant #5 on Council's list of all grants)
3. (Payson Park) PPMF Concert: Soggy Po' Boys (Grant #8 on Council's list of all grants)
4. Belmont Woman's Club Centennial Celebration (Grant #11 on Council's list of all grants)  
Note: Juliet Jenkins and Rebecca Richards, both members of the Woman's Club, absented themselves from the room to avoid conflict of interest.)
5. Belmont Porchfest Inc (Grant #13 on Council's list of all grants)
6. Climate Change Education at Belmont Farmer's Market, a Habitat grant request (Grant #15 on Council's list of all grants)
7. Graphic Novels and Literacy with Dr. Laura Jiménez (Grant #20 on Council's list of all grants)

Of the seven Community grant requests, one, the Belmont Woman's Club Centennial Celebration, was denied. A letter to the applicant will be sent as soon as possible.

The next category of grant applications was Artists. The following requests were discussed:

1. The Makam Healing Project: Sound Explorations in Turkish Music (Grant #10 in the Council's list of all grants)
2. Costs of upcoming Visual Arts Shows, Helen Canetta (Grant #12 in the Council's list of all grants)
3. Art Workshops, Demos and Lectures (Grant #14 in the Council's list of all grants)
4. Transforming Belmont: Beautifying Belmont's Transformer Boxes (Grant #21 in the Council's list of all grants)
5. Arlington-Belmont Chamber Chorus Not-Quite-Winter Concert (Grant #17 in the Council's list of all grants)
6. Belmont Farmer's Market Music (Grant #18 in the Council's list of all grants)

Of the six Artists grant requests, three were denied: Costs of upcoming Visual Arts Shows, Art Workshops, Demos, and Lectures, and Belmont Farmer's Market Music. A letter to the applicants will be sent as soon as possible.

The third category of grant applications was Seniors. The following requests were discussed:

1. Greek Dinner and Music (Grant #1 in the Council's list of all grants)
2. The Incredible Mae West (Grant #23 in the Council's list of all grants)
3. Lecture: Legends of the Great American Songbook (Grant #9 in the Council's list of all grants)
4. Songbirds of the Northeast (Grant #19 in the Council's list of all grants)

Of the four Seniors grant requests, two were denied: Legends of the Great American Songbook and Songbirds of the Northeast. A letter to the applicants will be sent as soon as possible.

The final category of grant applications was Schools. The following grant requests were discussed

1. Classic Repertory Company (Grant #7 in the Council's list of all grants)
2. Around the World: An Art Show by Butler Students (Grant #16 in the Council's list of all grants)
3. Rambax Performance at Multicultural Night (Grant #22 in the Council's list of all grants)
4. Wampanoag Classroom Visit: People of the East (Plimouth Plantation) (Grant #24 in the Council's list of all grants)
5. Wampanoag Third Grade Presentation (Grant #26 in the Council's list of all grants)
6. Adaptive Music Program Wellington Elementary School (Grant #27 in the Council's list of all grants)

Of the six Schools grant requests, three were denied: Classic Repertory Company, Wampanoag Third Grade Presentation, and Adaptive Music Program Wellington. A letter to the applicants will be sent as soon as possible.

A quick Calculation was done and the \$23,150 total grant requests has been reduced by a total of \$9,325 (This includes the four grant application that were denied in the previous meeting on October 30, 2019.)

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

A brief discussion of the Belmont Light ad followed. Marsha indicated that she recommended against it. Nancy argued that the cost was minimal, one way to do it is free and the other will cost no more than \$200. Discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was changed from Dec 5 to December 3.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Linde, Acting Secretary