BELMONT CULTURAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, approved 9/30/20

02/05/2020 Belmont Town Hall, Room 1, Meeting started at 7:05 pm

ATTENDING:
EVE ALPERN, VICKI AMALFITANO, EVELYN CORSINI, SARAH ELLISON, ANNETTE GOODRO, JULIET JENKINS (Chair), NANCY LINDE, MILLIE RAHN, REBECCA RICHARDS, ARLYN ROFFMAN, MAY YEE

ABSENT:
JENNIFER ANGEL, ROBERT NALBANDOV, MARSHA SEMUELS, KAREN TWIETMEYER

1. MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 3, 2019 MEETING:
Accepted.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT ON FUNDS FOR GRANTS:

Annette mentioned there were just a few outstanding grants—The Belmont Public Library, with Rebecca as liaison, and Eve's two—Porchfest and Habitat.

3. SPRING RECEPTION, MARCH 15TH AT 3:30 at THE BELMONT GALLERY OF ART: Rebecca suggests getting there at least a half hour before. She has name-tag holders, all BCC members should have name tags. ALL BCC MEMBERS SHOULD PHONE/TEXT THEIR GRANTEES TO REMIND THEM ABOUT THE RECEPTION AND ASK THEM TO RSVP. Juliet reminded us to get information on the funded project if our applicants can't make the event.

There should be a place for community input for the council-originated grant—ask folks to add information of "hidden gems" in the areas of the Arts, Sciences and History. We should also make sure that the BCC is looking for new members.

The plan will be for 20-30 minutes of mingling before commencement of speeches. Adam Dash, Selectman, will speak. Timothea from the MCC will be there. Hopefully there will be some music performance as well—still working on that.

Rebecca made a beautiful poster for distribution that was sent to all BCC members. Juliet made a number of copies and distributed them. Suggested budget of up to $150.00 for food (fruit/cookies), drinks (flavored seltzer, lemonade and fruit juice), small plates, cups and flowers.

Arlyn is reaching out to Quebrada to see if they will donate sweets to the event. She will be in charge of the food and get reimbursed after purchasing the items. Rebecca says the Gallery will supply tables/tablecloths, serving plates/utensils. It is very important to get the word out. Rebecca is sharing the poster with the large Gallery email list. Word will go out on list serves like Next Door.

4. COUNCIL PRIORITIES: Millie and Evelyn worked on updating and clarifying the BCC council priorities, for the MCC website, the BCC website, and to hand out/post for prospective grantees. The council members gave feedback, and Millie and Evelyn will rework the copy slightly, and then post it—certainly before September.

5. BCC ORIGINATED GRANT: Juliet suggested a possible meeting in March for the council initiated grant—not a full meeting. Vicki, Jenny and Nancy could send information around. For the purpose of the March 15 event, we will go with "Belmont Cultural Gems" for the name of the grant. Annette will speak with Jenny and Marsha about the money side of things. Expenses can be submitted one by one. Vicki will get in touch with Jenny to open up the GoogleDoc on the event to the entire group. We should get public input as well—we should ask on the Facebook page.

Juliet suggested getting more BCC members as administrators on the Facebook page.

6. POSITIONS FOR THE NEXT CYCLE: August is the time to start advertising. We are essentially trying to give away money. Juliet mentioned that the website hosting costs $153.00 a year. People who were appointed this year didn't know that they had been selected for the BCC. Sarah and Annette are finishing their terms June 30, and Juliet and Arlyn are stepping away at the same time. Juliet is willing to help with the website and the council-originated grant, but will not continue on the BCC.

THE BCC MUST HAVE A CHAIR OR CO-CHAIRS IN PLACE BY JUNE 30TH OR RISK LOSING ITS STATUS AS A CULTURAL COUNCIL. It is time to replace the officers. THIS IS THE LAST MEETING BEFORE JUNE 30TH. WE COULD HAVE THE SELECT BOARD ASSIGN US A CHAIR. Next meeting in August of 2020, date TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Ellison (secretary)