

BELMONT CULTURAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

02/06/2019, Belmont Town Hall, Room 4, Meeting started at 7:05

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ATTENDING: JULIET JENKINS (chair), JENNIFER ANGEL (acting secretary), ANNETTE GOODRO (treasurer), REBECCA RICHARDS, MARSHA SEMUELS, NIEN LIU

ABSENT: SHONOL MALIK, ARYLN ROFFMAN, GRACE PENG, SARAH FREIBERG ELLISON, JOHN BABOIAN, NANCY LINDE

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Acceptance vote will be postponed until next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Annette has made a chart of our funded events in the order they will occur and has given it to Nancy and Nien for publicity (press releases and website, respectively.) She will email the document as a PDF. She will remind BCC members to check in with their awardees to get paperwork returned. She reminds everyone to check their email for her previous summary email about how to submit the paperwork to her. Annette will speak at our next meeting about procedure for dealing with a grantee who does not submit a final report.

Review of Previous Year's Awardees: All submitted. Nothing more to be done.

Update on This Year's Awardees: There will be a new artist coming to Chenery Multicultural Night since their first choice can't make it.

Publicity Initiatives:

New BCC Web Site: There was discussion about researching the logistics of including a PayPal donation option.

Marsha would like to include a list of what BCC has funded, going back maybe 3 years.

Juliet wants who we are/what we fund/how to apply to be the three main themes, in that order of priority.

Rebecca would like to be part of the small working group to continue working on the site, and Jenny expressed interest, too.

Juliet would like us to vote in March that Nien will make the web site live at his discretion, with target date of 6/15/19.

Spring Awardee Reception: What is a good date? We discussed having it overlap with the Birds and Blooms show at the BGA. Rebecca will pick a date.

Juliet is working on getting press releases to public officials.

BCC Facebook Updates: The process of using BCC facebook to announce events was discussed. Juliet suggests creating a "facebook event" for each of our events. Jenny suggested having each assigned BCC member communicate with the facebook team the what the best way is to publicize their events, including sharing already-created publicity established by the grantee (on facebook, eventbrite, etc.)

Vacancies for BCC 2019-2020: For secretary, we might try rotating each week. Annette would like someone to ghost her to learn to be treasurer.

Back of your mind ideas: Consider a council-originated grant. Up to 15% of our allocation can go to such a venture.

Rebecca mentioned that John Norton might like to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Kendall Arts Center fire. Marsha encourages him to bring his ideas to Better Together.

Marsha talked about something the library director mentioned called Burbio.com that could act as an online warehouse of community events. Marsha would like to meet with them to find out cost, etc.

Looking ahead to March 6th meeting: The votes to take place on Mar 6 are about approval of the Jan 9 and Feb 6 minutes, the date of the awardee reception, and the budget for that event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Angel