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Belmont Cultural Council
November 5, 2012 minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:42

Present: Anne Quirk (chair), Jirair Hovsepien, Christine Sandvik, Ken Stalberg

Absent: Anne Levy, Ilyse Robbins Mohr, Rebecca Richard

The meeting began with a discussion of the minutes from the last meeting. The committee voted unanimously to accept them as revised.

Ken Stalberg continues to pursue the possibility of additional BCC funding from the Belmont Savings Bank but was unable to connect with the person from the bank's charitable foundation. He contacted the MCC and was assured that the BCC was allowed to receive donations from Belmont Savings. The committee then discussed whether it could use both the MCC and Belmont Savings logos for co-sponsored event.

Rebecca Richards was unable to attend this meeting so there is no word on whether the Belmont World Film festival is interested in a joint fund raising effort with the BCC.

Anne Levy has recommended a new board member and Jirair Hovsepien has contacted John Baboian about joining. Anne Quirk will pursue.

The next meeting of the committee will be Monday, December 3rd.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to a proposal-by-proposal discussion of the 2013 grant applications. The grant amount from the MCC will be \$3870.

The following proposals were reviewed. Those assigned to absent committee members will be further discussed at the December 3rd meeting.

#1 McNeaney Brass Band concert

Anne Quirk reported that this project has no local partner. The proposal was then denied by unanimous vote of committee.

#2 Odaiko Drumming concert

Ken Stalberg reported that a 2012 Odaiko performance, sponsored by Chenery Middle School, has not yet been reimbursed, but Christine Sandvik, who was in charge of that project, assured the committee that paperwork is forthcoming. The current proposal comes directly Odaiko for a Beech Street performance and has been approved by the center.

#3 Bouchard Swing Orchestra

Anne Quirk reported that this project has no local partner. The proposal was then denied by unanimous vote of committee.

#4 Wirt Blues Bros Band

Anne Quirk reported that this project has no local partner. The proposal was then denied by unanimous vote of committee.

#5 Bates Story and music presentation

Anne Levy sent an email stating that this proposal has been approved by the library and she gave it a preliminary go ahead

#6 Audubon/Habitat Nature Comes Inside

Rebecca Richards was not in attendance. Will be discussed next meeting

#7 Amdur Mural project

Rebecca Richards was not in attendance. Will be discussed next meeting.

#8 Powers Faculty concerts

Ken Stalberg is very enthusiastic about this proposal for five concerts.

#10 Collins Monologues

Ilsye Mohr was not in attendance. Will be discussed next meeting.

#11 Wood Concert

Jirair Jovespian reported that there appears to be no local partner and that he has other questions, too. He will try again to contact applicant.

#12 Marble Collection Teen lit mag

Ken Stalberg reported that this worthwhile publication has been funded in previous years but it may not have a partnership with Belmont High School.

#13 Wellington PTO Rainforest Talk

Anne Levy wrote via email that this program for Wellington first graders is a good candidate for approval.

#14 Belmont Gallery Promotion of gallery

Jirair Hovsepian asked if the Belmont Gallery, because of its affiliation with the Belmont Cultural Council (as a sub-committee), can apply for a grant. Christine will check on this. He reported this grant is for marketing costs in order to get greater attendance to gallery programs and he noted that the proposal did not reference specific gallery programs. He awaits further clarification from BGA administrator.

#15 Women's Club W. Homer exhibit

Christine Sandvik reported on this interesting exhibit of Winslow Homer's lawn croquet paintings (reproductions), *Croquet Scene*. The exhibit will also include costume

reproductions and croquet will be played on the lawn of the Homer House. Christine is going to get further clarification on the budget.

#16 Dance Caliente Dance performance

Ilyse Mohr reported via email that this proposal for live dancing at the Beech Street Center sounded promising.

#17 Berney Charles River talk

Christine Sandvik reported that this multi-media talk at the Beech Street Center about wildlife along the Charles River has been approved by the center, which stated in its endorsement letter that they do not have many programs like this. Christine recommended that this proposal be considered alongside other Beech Street Center proposals during funding discussions.

#18 Andrade Solar Car Mini-Doc

Christine Sandvik reported that she needs more information about this project in order to make an informed recommendation. The proposal describes the solar car project that is being done at the high school but it includes little about the proposed documentary and its potential community benefit. The budget is also vague and needs more explanation. She will pursue.

#19 BHS Performing Grease costumes

Anne Levy was not in attendance. Will be discussed at next meeting.

#20 Bel World Film Family film rentals

Jirir Hovespian is very enthusiastic about this proposal to help fund two films for the family film festival, produced by Belmont World Film and shown at Studio Cinema.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Minutes submitted by Christine Sandvik, Secretary