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**BELMONT CULTURAL COUNCIL MEETING**

11/17/16 MEETING STARTED AT: 7:07

2017 JAN 23 AM 9:54

**ATTENDANCE:** LAURIE GIANOTTI (chair), NANCY LINDE (meeting recorder), JULIET JENKINS, JIRAIR HOVSEPIAN, ARLYN ROFFMAN, ANNETTE GOODRO (treasurer)

**ABSENT:** REBECCA RICHARDS, SARAH FREIBERG ELLISON, JOHN BABOIAN, JENNIFER ANGEL

**MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:**

Accepted with correction: W9 is only needed when the grant recipient has not received a prior BCC grant.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Outstanding Grants:

Belmont Woman's Club requested an extension of their \$800 2016 grant till January 31, 2017. Council voted to extend the grant till February 28, 2017. Rebecca should be in touch with them to stay on track.

Belmont Art Association requested an extension of their \$500 2016 grant till May 31, 2017. Council voted to extend the grant until June 30, 2017. Rebecca should be in touch with them to stay on track.

Available Funds to be allocated: \$5,390.37.

Approximately \$338 available for administrative expenses.

**COUNCIL POSITIONS 2018 COUNCIL YEAR:**

Laurie will be stepping down as chair of the BCC next year. Juliet is tracking her this year to be prepared to take over next year starting July 1, 2017.

Annette will be stepping down as treasurer in 2018. Starting July 1, 2017, someone should start tracking her activities to be prepared to take over the following year.

Sarah will be stepping down as secretary in 2018. Starting July 1, 2017, someone should start tracking her activities to be prepared to take over the following year.

Jirair's term on the Council will end June 30, 2017. He will give Laurie the password for the Facebook page for someone to take over from him. Last month Jennifer said she would consider doing that.

## REVIEW OF 2017 GRANT REQUESTS

A spreadsheet of grant applications was distributed to review and allocate a council member. None of the applications need to be rejected for administrative reasons. All have local sponsorship. Nancy has talked with the Council on Aging and prioritized their four grant requests. As their liaison Nancy agreed to review each of their grants.

#1 Howie Newman, COA, assigned to Nancy

#2 Liz Fraser, BPL, assigned to Arlyn

#3 Delvena Theater Co, COA, assigned to Nancy

#4 Belmont COA, COA, voted to reject this request for art supplies in order to better support other COA projects. Laurie will issue letter.

#5 Mosesian Center For the Arts, voted to reject this request for this year. Have supported past 2 years and will encourage to apply again. Watertown venue. Laurie will issue letter.

#6 Belmont COA lecture, COA, assigned to Nancy.

#7 Powers Music School, Local, assigned to Juliet

#8 Solar Winds, Arlington Venue. Reject and encourage them to use Belmont venue next year. Laurie will issue letter.

#9 Iris Ponte, BWC, assigned to Juliet

#10 Wellington PTO Honeybees, Local, assigned to Jennifer

#11 MA Audubon Habitat, Birds vs Insects, Local, assigned to Annette

#12 Payson Park Music Festival, Local, assigned to John

#13 Kate Bowen Hidden Poetry, Local, assigned to Jirair

#14 Jenn Houle Searching for Life, Habitat, assigned to Sarah

#15 Belmont World Film, Local, assigned to Rebecca

Juliet noted that with something almost every month, we could promote with a calendar.

At the next Dec 15 voting meeting, each person should be prepared to discuss their application and their evaluation of its value. Score sheets were passed out. MEETING AJOURNED AT 8:45.