

**BELMONT CULTURAL COUNCIL MEETING**

12/15/16 MEETING STARTED AT: 7:06pm

2017 JAN 23 AM 9:54

**ATTENDING:** LAURIE GIANOTTI (chair), JENNIFER ANGEL, JOHN BABOIAN, SARAH FREIBERG ELLISON (secretary), ANNETTE GOODRO (treasurer), JIRAIR HOVSEPIAN, JULIET JENKINS, NANCY LINDE, ARLYN RUFFMAN

**ABSENT:** REBECCA RICHARDS

**MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:**

Accepted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Annette reported that \$5450.00 is available as grant money, and that the allowed 5% for administrative costs of \$430.22 has been put aside for administrative costs. That amount is the sum of the interest on the account (\$180.22) added to the allowed 5% (\$250) of the \$5000 grant allocation.

There are still two grants outstanding from the last grant cycle: Belmont Women's Club and the Belmont Art Association. Their funding comes from the previous grant, so their funding does not impact the new grants we discuss tonight.

**REVIEW OF 2017 GRANT REQUESTS:**

Laurie distributed a spreadsheet of grant applications, including amounts requested from each applicant, as well as smaller amount possibilities to balance our budget as a starting point for discussion. Each BCC member was assigned at least one grant proposal at the previous meeting, and each had made contact with the grant seekers and spoke of their conversations. Of the 15 grants, three were agreed to be rejected at the 11/17/2016 meeting—Laurie sent the rejection letters and has gotten no responses. Here are the results, in numerical order:

1. Howie Newman, Council on Aging, (Nancy): requested \$350; granted \$250.00
2. Liz Fraser, Belmont Public Library, (Arlyn): requested \$650; granted \$400.00

3. Delvena Theater Co, COA, (Nancy); requested \$550; granted \$500.
4. Belmont COA request for art supplies was rejected at last meeting in order to better support other COA projects. (Laurie)
5. Mosesian Center For the Arts, rejected at last meeting, as a Watertown venue, and we have supported it for the past 2 years, and encouraged them to apply again. (Laurie)
6. Belmont COA; lecture by Charles Bahne in conjunction with the Cambridge Center for Adult Education, (Nancy): requested \$350. Granted \$350.
7. Powers Music School, Musical Storytelling, (Juliet): requested \$350; granted \$350.
8. Solar Winds with Arlington Venue. Rejected and encouraged to use Belmont venue next year. (Laurie)
9. Iris Ponte, Belmont Women's Club Children's Book Reading, (Juliet); requested \$400; granted \$400.
10. Wellington PTO Honeybee presentation by Birgit deWeerd for all of 4<sup>th</sup> grade (Jennifer): requested \$500, granted \$450.
11. MA Audubon Habitat, Birds vs Insects at the Underwood Pool in June, 2017, (Annette): requested \$516, granted \$500.
12. Payson Park Music Festival, summer concert by Big Medicine (John): requested \$1500, granted \$500.
13. Kate Bowen, Hidden Poetry of Belmont, (Jirair): requested \$900; granted \$650.
14. Jenn Houle Searching for Life Art Exhibit at Habitat, (Sarah) requested \$900; granted \$600.
15. Belmont World Film, Family Festival (Rebecca), (Laurie spoke with and for Rebecca who was ill); requested \$750; granted \$500.

The total amount requested was \$11,096. Without the rejected requests the total was \$7,816. The total allotted to all the grantees is \$5,450.

Once Laurie delivers the grant information to the MCC, and they respond, each BCC member will write acceptance letters to their individual assigned grantees—by January 15, 2017.

Laurie attended the meeting about public records given by the Town of Belmont. All BCC members should save their BCC correspondence in one file folder or a separate address. When members have finished their committee duties, they should put all their BCC correspondence on a thumb drive to turn over to the town clerk office.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Freiberg Ellison