

Minutes of
Benton County Cultural Coalition

June 23, 2005, 4:00 p.m.
Board Room, Corvallis School District 509J Administration Building

Present: Susan Johnson (chair), Zel Brook, May Dasch, Walter Frankel, Kathy Jederlinich, Paula Krane, Micki Reaman, Mary Rounds, Marilyn Stewart, Diane Tarter, Rick Wallace,
Excused: Kathryn Burton, Wendy Madar, Court Smith
Absent: George Wisner
Guests: Dave Ballard, Dorothy Burt, Ann Schirado, Natalie Vandenberghe

Susan Johnson called the meeting to order.

Members and guests introduced themselves. Three guests were from south County, where BCCC is attempting to develop new contacts.

On a motion by Rick Wallace, seconded by Diane Tarter, the minutes of April 28, 2005 were approved. Walter noted that earlier minutes had now been signed off by e-mail approval with the revisions suggested by Court Smith, as agreed at the last meeting.

End-of-year fiscal reports will be sent with minutes of this meeting in lieu of Treasurer's Report.

The departure of Chris Ireland in August is pressing web committee to complete bentonculture.org site. Key component is listing of organizations.

Susan reported that three members would be departing and three new ones had to be found. Ann Schirado, Director of Benton County Historical Museum, has agreed to take one of these positions.

Paula presented an overview of the completed first round of grants. A structure is now in place, as well as documentation or current cycle, to guide the next round. Paula reported that she had attended the first BCCC-funded event, a performance of the Chintimini Chamber Music Festival at the Alsea Community Library. Thank you letters have been received from Chintimini Chamber Music Festival, Corvallis OSU Symphony Society, and Tcha Tee Man Wi Storytelling Festival.

Susan extended "thank yous" to all for their commitment and participation in the first year's process. Paula made a presentation to Susan from BCCC members in appreciation for her guidance through the first year.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for 2005-2006: Rick Wallace, President; Walter Frankel, Vice-President; (to be found) Secretary-Treasurer. The candidates were elected by the Coalition.

There was brief discussion of goals for next year. Susan stressed to need to get the County's cultural organizations listed on the website, the need to develop the plan for grants each year, and the possibility of seeking other funding sources for which BCCC can be grantor. Rick stressed that benchmarks had to be examined to see where we came in.

Susan will prepare reports for both the Benton County Commissioners and the Oregon Cultural Trust.

The need to give adequate time in formulating letters of intent and grant proposals was stressed by guests. All agreed that BCCC sponsorship of grant writing workshops for Benton County cultural organizations would not only be an appropriate activity, but one much needed by these organizations.

Examination of other cultural coalition websites (from OCT links) was cited, as well as pushing local organizations to develop their own websites.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter A. Frankel
Secretary/Treasurer