

BENTON COUNTY CULTURAL COALITION MINUTES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Tunison Community Room, Tunison Fire Station, 365 SW Tunison Ave., Corvallis

Members present: Kathryn Burton, Meghan Caughey, May Dasch, Walter Frankel, Joe Malango, Stefani McRae-Dickey, Court Smith, Ann Stale, Sara Swanberg, Diane Tarter, and Rick Wallace.

Members Excused: Karyle Butcher, Ilona Haines, Catherine Holdorf, Susan Johnson.

- A. The meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm by President Walter Frankel.
- B. The minutes were approved as corrected.
- C. Treasurer Kathryn Burton reported the only change was the \$409 expense for the new bookmarks.
- D. Grants Committee. Ann Staley presented the Grants Committee recommendations for 2008. Committee members discussed the various organizations which were selected to receive grants. Ann reported there is \$145 left over after providing the grants.

Grants policy issues were raised including setting a time limit for recipients to complete projects, allowing grants for capital campaigns, offering grants to individuals or only to 501 (c)(3) organizations, determining the number of times an organization may receive grants, changing the grant cycle, setting grant amounts in advance, and recruiting organizations to apply. These issues will be discussed in future meetings. The motion to approve the grants committee recommendations passed unanimously.

E. There was no old business.

F. New Business

1. January public meetings

Three public meetings were planned for January to present the grant checks to the recipients. The first meeting will be at the Alpine Community Center on January 10 from 7 to 9 pm. The second will be on January 29, from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Arts Center in Corvallis. The final meeting will be at the Benton County Historical Society in Philomath, date to be determined.

2. Several strategic planning issues were raised. Should the BCCC priorities and strategies be rewritten to emphasize either a sweeping vision for the county, a narrow focus, or an issue focus? Should the BCCC sponsor a county-wide "Year of Art and Culture?" Could the Gazette Times be persuaded to run a weekly art, culture and historical feature, quite separate from the Entertainer? These issues will be discussed at a future meeting.

G. Adjournment was at 5:36 pm

Stefani McRae-Dickey,  
Co-Sec/Treas