

Benton County Cultural Coalition  
Meeting Minutes February 15, 2007  
Majestic Theater meeting room

Present: Walter Frankel, Ann Staley, Sara Swanberg (and job shadow, Marika), Court Smith, Joe Malango, Karyle Butcher, May Dasch, Rick Wallace, Kathryn Burton.

Excused: Susan Johnson, Stephani McRae-Dickey  
Absent: Diane Tartar, Ilona Haines.

- A. Meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m. Coalition members introduced themselves to Marika, Sara Swanberg's job shadow.
- B. Minutes from December 5, 2006 meeting approved, with the exception of a change to the spelling of Sara's last name—should read Swanberg
- C. Walter presented the treasurer's report. The budget on paper doesn't reflect the actual budget because our budget is written by the County and they work on a biennium system. We have, to date, \$1991.86. \$500 of this money is owed to the county for fees, leaving us with a balance of \$1491.86 for the remainder of the year.
- D. \$7,600 was awarded in grants during the 2007 grants cycle. Walter recognized Ann and the grants committee's good work this year. Ann introduced the new grants cycle for 2008 which, with minor date changes remains the same as the current schedule. The 2008 grants schedule was approved. Rick will post information about the schedule on the BCCC website
- E. Court demonstrated how to navigate the BCCC website and offered information about data that is available on the site. The initial site was designed by an OSU student and is updated by Rick Wallace. People can search the site for information on events and cultural organizations in our area.

There was discussion about the website and who the user is and what the public need is for such a site. If we put the list of organizations on the website who will maintain the list so that data is current? How can the website help disseminate information about the coalition and what it does? There is need to continue discussing the website and how it can be most efficient and useful.

- F. Old business—
  - Sara volunteered to co-ordinate the BCCC and OCT Fall Festival informational tent for Sept. 07
  - New members needed to fill vacancies left by Ann Schirado and Sky Evans [vacancies have been filled prior to the posting of these minutes]
  - New artwork (photography was one suggestion) and a new quote are needed for the next bookmark. Rick will co-ordinate this effort. Artwork and quote needed by sometime in June at the latest, but earlier is better.

--Court reminded coalition members about the Chocolate Fantasy fundraiser for Artcentric

G. New business—BCCC required to update/revise strategic plan next year. A committee (Sara, Susan and Kathryn) will meet to discuss developing a survey to give to county arts, history, heritage and humanities organizations in order to better assess the needs of those organizations and to help BCCC determine its cultural priorities for the future.

H. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 4 p.m. Location to be announced

Respectfully submitted by: Kathryn Burton