

Benton County Cultural Coalition
General Meeting
February 16, 2006
Corvallis Arts Center

Present:

May Dasch
Sky Evans
Court Smith

Micki Reamans
Walter Frankel
Kathryn Burton

Excused:

Rick Wallace
Susan Johnson
Karyle Butcher
Ann Shirado
Diane Tartar

Absent:

Kathy Jederlinich
Mary Rounds
Marilyn Stewart

Meeting was brought to order by Walter Frankel –acting Chair.

Minutes from last general Coalition meeting were approved –as amended.

Treasurer's report:

Walter explained revenues and expenses for the year:

\$12,084.01 – Revenue

\$605.25 –Expenses for year to date

Balance: \$11,478.76 (before grant distribution for the year –totaling \$8,500).

There is potential to carry over 2,500 to next year.

Web committee report:

Court investigated and found that Peak is asking about twice as much as other local website hosts.

Committee recommends using a fee-based service rather than a free service

Coalition is in agreement with this recommendation

Web committee will continue to search for a website host.

Grants committee report:

Walter read through the list of organizations that wrote letters of intent and briefly explained each organization's request for funding. Walter then presented the list of recommendations from the Grants Committee for full Coalition approval. It was explained that the Grants Committee thought that supplies should not be funded, given the funding guidelines the group had set up, and where necessary requests for funds for supplies were excluded from the grants. A motion to approve the recommendations of the Grants Committee was moved by Court Smith and seconded by Micki Reaman. More discussion followed the motion. There was concern that by not fully funding an organization's request a project might not be able to move forward. The Grants Committee has strongly encouraged collaboration and felt that support would be there for organizations that were not fully funded. Walter also explained how the Grants Committee came up with the funding figures

for organizations who did not receive full funding. Announcements to organizations are to go out on Thursday or Friday and a public announcement is to be made through an ad in the Entertainer section of the local newspapers next week.

Following the discussion period the Coalition voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Grants Committee.

Other Business:

--The Coalition would like to continue considering the development of a local Cultural Summit.

--There needs to be continued discussion about defining "culture" so the Coalition can clearly state what types of organizations are eligible for support from the group.

--Moving the granting cycle up in the calendar year was briefly discussed.

--Court reminded the Coalition about the upcoming Chocolate Fantasy and invited Coalition members to be part of the public interview process for the new Arts Center Director on Monday, March 6th between 11:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 18th at 4 p.m. Location to be announced.

Submitted by Kathryn Burton

March 7, 2006