

Benton County Cultural Coalition
Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2007
Community Room, Ray's Market, North Albany

Present:

Court Smith
Joe Malango
Stephani McRae-Dickey
Meghan Caughey
Ann Staley
Walter Frankel
Karyle Butcher
Sara Swanberg
May Dasch
Kathryn Burton

Excused:

Rick Wallace
Ilona Haines
Susan Johnson
Diane Tarter
Catherine Holdorf

A. Meeting brought to order at 4 p.m.

Megan Caughey was introduced and welcomed as a new coalition member representing the south county area.

B. Minutes from the February 15, 2007 meeting were approved

C. Treasurer's report remains the same as of last meeting and was approved. (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. Ann Staley, chair of the grants committee, began by reviewing the coalition's past grants priorities. Members present at the meeting were asked to write down their ideas for grants priorities for the upcoming grants cycle. Increased service to under-represented populations, including rural areas, mental health organizations and ethnically diverse populations, Hispanic populations in particular, were among the ideas discussed by the group. The written suggestions were then submitted to the grants committee for consideration.

E. 1. Sara is beginning talks with Cynthia regarding BCCC's tent at the Fall Festival. Fall Festival is going to pay for the tent this year.

2. Sara reported on the progress of BCCC's questionnaire and its relationship to the planning process for updating BCCC priorities, which is due to OCT in the spring of '09. Discussion about the purpose of the questionnaire, who is to receive it and the timing and means of its distribution ensued.

3. For the 2007-2008 grants bookmark a photo of the old train station in Monroe was suggested, using sepia tones. Looking for a "pithy" quote about 'place.' Rick is working on the bookmark-- send quote ideas to him.

F. 1. Walter reported on Leadership Corvallis and OCT Trust Board meeting. CHAMP Day, 30th of April, a rally in Salem in support of the arts. Walter reports that from OCT point of view the BCCC is doing good and important work.

2. Walter will appoint a nominating committee. Terms are up for Ann, May and Karyle. Will need officers for next year.

3. Under "Goals FY '08 and Granting Guidelines" it was suggested that the full committee meet no less than 5 times per year.

G. Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Kathryn Burton co-secretary/treasurer