

Benton County Cultural Coalition Meeting
May 16, 2006 5:00 p.m.
Corvallis Arts Center
Minutes

Persons Attending: Members: Rick Wallace, Walter Frankel, Kathryn Burton, Karyle Butcher, May Dasch, Sky Evans, Micki Reaman, Court Smith, Ann Staley, Susan Johnson
Guests: Jim Cox, OCT manager, Sara Swanberg, ArtCentric Director
Members excused: Kathy Jerderlinich, Mary Rounds, Diane Tarter
Members absent: Marilyn Stewart

I. Minutes of the February 16 meeting were approved as written.

II. Treasurer's report - Susan

Revenues to date: 11,910.23

Expenditures to date: 9,638.67

Balance 1,671.56

Additional expenditures expected before June 30, 2006 (end of our fiscal year)
600.00

III. Grants Committee - Walter

A. Calendar

The grants committee presented a 2006/07 grants calendar that was approved by the membership that includes: Mailing call for letters of intent September 4; letters of intent due Oct. 6; invitations for full proposals mailed Oct. 16; full proposals due Nov. 22; Membership final approval by Dec 4; funding and grant period begins Jan. 1, 2007 (See www.bentonculture.org for the full schedule)

We discussed whether or not to put sample letters of intent on the web site but decided instead to list the items that should be included in the letters.

B. Focus

The grants committee presented and the members approved the focus for our 2006/07 grants. Grants should involve one or more of the following: demonstrate partnerships (collaborations) between organizations; celebrate community historical events; serve under-served populations; other cultural programs and projects which fall within the plan for Benton County's culture, Strengthening the Arts, Heritage, and Humanities

C. Guidelines

Walter passed out a copy of proposed guidelines, including a tighter definition of a "cultural organization", for our grant process based upon guidelines set up by the Oregon Cultural Trust for their state wide grant competition. He requested that we review the guidelines so they can be discussed and voted on during our June meeting. Contact Walter at curtwalt@exchangenet.net for a copy if you do not have one.

IV. Web-site committee - Court

Rick has maintained our website and has begun to upload photos of activities that we have funded.

Court is working on a link to a prototype of the organization list that he and May have been working on.

V. Fall Festival Arts Booth - Susan

BCCC has agreed to help Fall Festival sponsor an arts information booth during Fall Festival. We have invited Jim Cox of the OCT to have a table at this booth and we will share the remainder of our space (at least four tables and a series of display panels, under half of a 10' x 20') with other county cultural groups - particularly arts groups, their displays, information brochures, and a little volunteer time. Susan has agreed to coordinate the event. Micki, Court, Walt, and Sky agreed to help. Others will be needed on the weekend of the event.

VI. 2006/07 membership

We need to replace at least three members: Mary Rounds (County), Marilyn Stewart (Corvallis), Kathy Jederlinich (County). The following people have been suggested and have expressed interest: Ilona Haines (County) Joe Malango (Corvallis), Teresa Hogue (Corvallis) , Stefani McRae-Dickey (County).

We are interested in finding someone who can provide access to undeserved populations. Please give any suggestions you have to our chair, Rick Wallace. We will vote on these new members at our June meeting.

VII Nominations of Officers for the 2006/07 term that begins in July, 2006

The current officers were asked if they were interested in continuing in their positions:

Rick stated that he felt that he did not do a good job this year as chair because of his many other commitments.

Walter expressed an interest in continuing on the Executive committee as an officer but not necessarily the grants chair.

Kathryn likes being on the Executive committee but is applying for jobs elsewhere so doesn't know if she'll be here for the next year.

Susan would like to see others take on major responsibilities in the Coalition. She could stay in the background but she will serve as needed. She travels a lot and will be away on trips for two weeks in the middle of September and again in October.

Members are asked to contact Rick with nominations of themselves or others.

VIII. Next Meetings

A. Our final meeting for the 2005/06 year will be on June 15, 4 p.m. at Waldo Hall room 240 on the OSU campus. Court will arrange parking permits. We can also park at the MU parking lot.

B. We discussed the need to have an orientation meeting for new members in June or July. Walter and Susan were willing to put this together.

IX. Preview of the evening's 7 pm. Cultural Summit

X No new business.

XI The meeting was adjourned at 6:45

Respectfully submitted by Susan Johnson, co-secretary/treasurer