

Benton County Cultural Coalition
General Coalition Meeting June 15, 2006
Waldo Hall Room 240, OSU

In attendance:

Court Smith
Walter Frankel
Rick Wallace
Kathy Jederlinich
Ann Staley
May Dasch
Micki Reaman
Karyle Butcher
Ilona Haines
Kathryn Burton

Excused:

Susan Johnson
Mary Rounds
Ann Shirado
Diane Tarter
Sky Evans

Absent:

Marilyn Stewart

Meeting called to order at 4:03 p.m.

Ilona Haines was introduced as a new member of the Coalition, replacing Mary Rounds. Ilona will represent Alsea and the south county.

I. Coalition members approved minutes from May 16, 2006 coalition meeting.

II. Treasurer's report: (Will send out soon)

Walter added that some reports were still outstanding from certain 2006 grantees. Treasurer's report approved.

III. Grants committee report:

The Coalition reviewed BCCC granting guidelines that the grants committee developed. (See attached.) It was agreed that we are not funding supplies; programming is our focus. Still need to define the "What is Culture?" question. Coalition members agree that Arts, Heritage and Humanities are the focus for funding. Discussion around the importance of supporting projects that partner with organizations that have arts, heritage and humanities in their mission statements. Several questions arose about grants: Do we fund fund-raisers? Should the focus of the grants be more narrowly defined? How, or should, we work toward moving arts, heritage and humanities organizations forward in a more systematic way? Should we set benchmarks for grants? It was agreed that these issues, and others, need to be thought about for the future, but that for now we will continue with the existing granting process.

A motion was moved and seconded to accept the new granting guidelines as put forth by the grants committee down to the phrase "In considering. . ." (Includes the Introduction and Purpose sections.) The coalition voted unanimously to accept this motion, creating a new abbreviated version of the granting guidelines.

IV. New members

Executive committee recommended two new members to the Coalition to replace outgoing members. Stepfani McRae-Dickey was voted in by coalition members as a county representative (Philomath) to replace Kathy Jederlinich and Joe Malango was voted in to replace Marilyn Stewart as a representative of Corvallis.

V. A new slate of officers was elected by the members of the Coalition:

Walter Frankel—Chair

Ann Staley ---Vice chair and chair of the Grants Committee

Kathryn Burton and Susan Johnson ---co-Secretary/Treasurer

VI. Fall Festival

Arts information booth will be set up in east circle in a 10'x 20' tent. The space will be shared by the Oregon Cultural Trust and several other groups. We will be sharing the responsibility of manning the booth throughout the weekend, Sat. Sept. 23rd – 10 a.m. – 6 p. m. and on Sun. Sept. 24th -10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

VII. Cultural Summit debrief

Executive committee recommends more substance for future summits.

VIII. Upcoming meeting

July 25th orientation meeting for new members. All coalition members encouraged to attend. The purpose is to bring new members up to “speed” on the workings of the coalition and the Oregon Cultural Trust. It is also a time to get to know one another a little better. The time and place are yet to be announced. A social “mixer” is scheduled for after the meeting.

IX. Further business

No further business.

X. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kathryn Burton co secretary/treasurer