

Benton County Cultural Coalition

Minutes for Thursday, June 7, 2007 Meeting

Benton County Historical Museum, Moreland Auditorium

Members present:

Kathryn Burton, May Dasch, Walter Frankel, Ilona Haines, Catherine Holdorf, Susan Johnson, Joe

Malango, Stefani McRae-Dickey, Court Smith, Ann Staley, Sara Swanberg, Diane Tarter, Rick Wallace

Members Excused: Meghan Caughley, Karyle Butcher

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as written

II. Treasurer's Report

As of the end of May our revenues were \$10,413.57 including funds that remained from the original cultural planning committee. The expenditures were \$9,019.10 with a balance of \$1,394.47. The final year end balance will be affected by the interest earned from the county and the fee owed to the county for their financial services.

III. Old Business

A. Granting goals & guidelines for FY 2008

Ann presented a paper reviewing the priorities for the last three grant cycles and then described the process she and her committee used to develop their suggested priorities for this next cycle. The coalition agreed that we will seek proposals that serve the rural as well as the urban population; that we will encourage collaborations with agencies addressing community concerns such as under served populations - at risk teens, the mentally ill, the disabled, the hospitalized - combining the arts, humanities or heritage with community social concerns. We will not use the term "social" concerns but rather will give examples of community concerns such as those listed above. By June 30 Ann and her committee will mail to the entire Coalition the goals and guidelines as they will be written for the '08 grant cycle.

IV. New Business

A. Nominating Committee Report & Election of Officers

Court presented the policy and nominating procedure as written in the 2004 Cultural Plan. We discussed three concerns: the term of officers; the recruitment and experience needed to become an officer; the sequence of possible succession of officers. We agreed that we would be better served if the Chair and the Vice Chair (Chair of the grants committee) had two year terms. We also agreed that some new member(s) should be added to the Executive Committee each year to best build Coalition involvement. We liked the idea of the Vice Chair stepping up the position of Chair but also agreed that this should not be our policy because the particular personalities and interests might not work with such a succession. We also agreed that we would continue having the co-secretary/treasurer position at this time.

Walter Frankel agreed to accept a second year as chair and Ann Staley agreed to accept a second year as Vice Chair. Kathryn agreed to continue as Secretary/Treasurer and Stefani McRae-Dickey volunteered to serve as the co-Secretary/Treasurer. The Coalition agreed to accept this slate of officers for 2007/08.

B. Bookmark

Rick showed us a concept for the new bookmark with a photo of the historic Monroe train depot on one side and the 2007 grantees listed on the reverse side. We discussed various ways to include text concerning the photograph with no agreement. Several people were going to play with different designs and email them to Rick who will make the final layout.

C. Meeting date and time discussion.

Walter presented an initial chart for next year's meetings and the major business to be covered at each meeting. We agreed that at least six meeting spread out from July - June were needed to accomplish our agenda. Walter will send us the year's calendar with specific dates later in June. MARK YOU CALENDARS.

V. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Johnson, co-secretary/treasurer