

Benton County Cultural Coalition  
Board Meeting  
September 12, 2006  
Corvallis-Benton County Public Library Board Room

Board Members Present: Walter Frankel (Chair), Ann Staley (Vice Chair), Rick Wallace, Diane Tarter, Court Smith, Ann Schirado, Stefani McRae-Dickey, Joe Malango, Ilona Haines, May Dasch

Excused: Kathryn Burton, Karyle Butcher, Susan Johnson

Absent: Sky Evans, Sara Swanberg

Call to Order 4:05 PM and **Introductions** of Board members present.

**Approval of Minutes:** The June 15 and July 25, 2006 Board Minutes were approved. All minutes are posted on the BCCC Web Site at [http://www.bentonculture.org/bccc\\_meetings.htm](http://www.bentonculture.org/bccc_meetings.htm).

**Budget Report:** Walter Frankel explained items in the budget report of September 12, 2006. The 2006-07 projected income is \$8,445 from the Oregon Cultural Trust. \$1,975.75 is carried over from the 2005-06 fiscal year.

**Grants Process:** Ann Staley reported on the grants process. Requests for letters of intent have been mailed to over 200 organizations on the Coalition's mailing list. Letters of intent are due October 6. The grants committee will review letters on October 13.

**Old Business:**

**Fall Festival Booth:** Susan Johnson heads this committee and has planned the booth to be very visually appealing and effective for the participating organizations. In Susan's absence, Walter explained the purpose and organization of the booth. A sign-up list was passed around for Coalition members to choose times to assist with the booth. Thirteen organizations will be participating. Participating organizations have been contacted by Susan about specifications for displays and should bring materials for the booth to Micki Reaman at ArtCentric by early afternoon, Friday, September 22. Thank you Susan, for all the effort chairing this committee and in creating a visually appealing and effective booth.

**Fall Festival Reception:** Walter Frankel is organizing. He has about 20 RSVPs. Expected attendance is 30-50. The reception will be held at the Majestic Theatre Lobby. All Coalition Board members are encouraged to attend. Rosh Hashanah and OSU v Idaho are cutting into potential reception attendance.

The reception will have vegetable and cheese trays. Wine and sparkling cider will be offered as beverages. Rick Wallace has secured an offer of wine from Tyee Winery at

cost, and we only have to pay for what is used. Thank you Tyee. Board discussion resulted in suggestions for some expansion of the invitee list.

**New Business:** Walter explained the the budget for the 2006-07 fiscal year. \$7,600 (90% of the Trust allocation) is allocated for grants, and \$2,114 is projected for Coalition expenses. Major activities include the grants process, Fall Festival information booth and reception, cultural summit, bookmark, GT advertising, and web site expenses. The coalition projects having reserves at the end of the year of approximately \$930. After discussion, the Board approved the 2006-07 budget without dissent.

**Cultural Summit:** Walter Frankel and Sara Swanberg are leading this effort. The summit will likely be in April 2007. The objective is to develop an event that will draw cultural organizations and provide useful information to them. Several suggestions were made about the organization of the summit.

**Discussion of Our Definition of Cultural Organizations:** Court Smith passed out our current list of cultural organizations. He explained how the list came into being and its uses. The list is the mailing list for the grants process. It is used of identifying organizations for cultural summits and for the Fall Festival Information Booth. We have the goal of posting the list on the BCCC web site.

No vote was taken but the general consensus was that any organization could complete the BCCC survey and get on the list. Further, Coalition members could recommend organizations to be on the list. The current goal for the list is to be as broad and open as possible. The suggestion was made that we also allow individuals to post their names on the list. It was noted that sports and religious organizations, unless they had a clearly expressed arts, heritage, or humanities purpose, would not be included on the list.

**Next Board Meeting:** The pattern of Board meetings has been to rotate between a Corvallis location and one outside of Corvallis. The result has been that the meetings away from Corvallis have been less well attended. Please contact Walter Frankel ([curtwalt@exchangenet.net](mailto:curtwalt@exchangenet.net)) about your preferences for the location of the October 18 meeting.

Board Minutes Prepared by Court Smith, September 13, 2006.

**Announcements:**

September 22-24, Fall Festival Cultural Organizations Information Booth. The booth operates 3:30-5 (Sept 22), 9-6 (Sept 23), and 9-5 (Sept 24).

September 23, 5-6 PM, Fall Festival Reception, Majestic Theatre Lobby

October 6, Grants letters of intent due

October 18, 4-5:30 PM BCCC Board meeting, location to be determined