

Bedford Cultural Council
Bedford Town Hall
Wednesday August 5, 2015
7:00pm

*Approved
8/2/2015
Barbara S. Purchia*

Present: Barbara Purchia, Chair, Breena Daniell, Asst. Chair, Linda Connelly, Secretary, Leslie Wittman, Gyasi Burks-Abbott, Polly Herz,

Observer: Chuck Lipson

Absent: Susan Grieb, George Epple

Call to Order

Reviewed and unanimously accepted the Bedford Cultural Council minutes from June 1, 2015

Treasurers report waived

The results of the survey are in:

- 73% of the people who responded had heard of the Bedford Cultural Council.
- 67% of these people knew what our function was.
- 'Festivals, concerts and plays open to the public' topped the list of what was important for us to fund, but only topped the list by a few percentage points above the next priority and on down the list in each category.
- 80% of the responders got their information about cultural activities from the Bedford Citizen.

There was an assortment of comments and suggestions; two mentioning a possible increase in funding more multigenerational art activities. We can only fund the projects presented, but we will make every effort to contact or inform all groups and individuals of all ages, that the time for applying is coming up, and we will help them in any way we can through the application process.

To this end:

1. We will be setting up a date and time for an afternoon and/or evening when we will be available to help with the grant process, as well as providing contact names and numbers for people that need help.
2. Gyasi is writing an article to submit to all publications, social media, and newsletters, announcing the start of the application process and the potential for assistance.
3. Members of the Bedford Cultural Council will be contacting members of the community:
 - Breena – High School, Music Department, POMS, school clubs, Transition Families, METCO, Garden Club, 4H, Wedgewood
 - Barbara – Multicultural Group, COA, Bedford Center for the Arts, Bedford Arts and Crafts Society, Boy Scouts
 - Polly – Davis School, Lane School, Middle School, Shawsheen Tech, Interfaith Council, Destination Imagination
 - Leslie – Bedford Historical Society, Girl Scouts, Cable TV, BEF, Job Lane House
 - Linda – Hansconian
 - Gyasi – VA Hospital, Middlesex Community College, Bedford Citizen, Concord Festival of Artists, Masons

All members please contact anyone that you may know who is not listed above. You can give out the card and the application to potential grant requestors.

Bedford Day – Gyasi and Linda will carry our sign and march in the parade on Bedford Day. We will have more cards available to distribute by anyone who may be available to do so.

Future meetings:

It doesn't appear necessary for us to have a September meeting at this time.

October 21, 2015 Wednesday 7:00pm – Application review, approval and disapproval

November 18, 2015 Wednesday 7:00pm – Voting meeting and distribution of grant money

December – a potluck supper for the BCC members and their families, followed by a short meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15pm