

Bedford Cultural Council
 Bedford Town Hall
 Wednesday October 21, 2015
 7:00pm

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 11/18/2015
 Barbara J. Purchia*

Present: Barbara Purchia - Chair, Breena Daniell - Asst. Chair, Linda Connelly - Secretary, George Epple - Treasurer, Leslie Wittman, Gyasi Burks-Abbott, Polly Herz, Caroline Fedele - Selectman Liaison, Observers: Chuck Lipson, Bobbie Ennis

Call to Order

The Minutes from Bedford Cultural meeting August 5, 2015 were reviewed and unanimously accepted.

Disclosure Of Appearance Of Conflict Of Interest forms were submitted by everyone except George Epple since he is an BCC member applying for a grant.

Barbara and Leslie have submitted a Gold Star Award Nomination for the Multicultural Diversity Town Event. Nominations will be reviewed in December and the announcement will be "shortly after."

Barbara is a member of the Bedford Cultural District committee. Here's a pointer:
http://www.massculturalcouncil.org/applications/culturaldistricts_faqs.asp

Treasurers report - The state has allocated \$4,600 for the current 2016 grant applications. There is an additional amount of \$1,080 that can be regranted in FY16, totaling \$5,680. The current FY16 grant requests total \$15,146, which is a deficit of \$9,466, before application review. Any FY15 grants that will not be used can be applied to FY16. George and Barbara will request status from those FY15 grant recipients who have not yet submitted their reimbursement requests.

Barbara presented with the grant request history from 1998 through 2015. This information and the current shortfall status will be used to request a contribution or matching funds on a yearly basis from the town.

Following is a list of our 2016 Grant Applications accepted or rejected based on their meeting the state and local Cultural Council criteria and guidelines.

No.	Requestor	Project	Decision
1	Alison Cservenschi/COA	Art Matters	Accepted
2	Annemarie Silver	Arts & Crafts for Transitional Housing Families	Request Signature, Accepted
3	Bedford TV	Preserving Bedford Oral History	Clarify number of people served, itemize hardware, Accepted
4	Bedford Embraces Diversity / Marilou Barsam	Multicultural Diversity Festival	Accepted
5	RESS Foundation, Inc.	In the Eyes of Another (film)	No sponsor letter, Less benefit to community, Rejected
6	Bedford Historical Society	Reinactor Kate Carney as Paul Revere's M-i-L	Accepted
7	Carlisle Chamber Orchestra	December 2015 Holiday Concert	Need sponsor letter, check boxes, Clarify revenue - include other LCCs, Accepted
8	The Concord Orchestra	Young Artist Concerto Concert	Accepted

9	John Root (for Bedford Rec)	Edible Perennial Gardening and Landscaping	Accepted
10	Davis Bates (for COA)	Celebrating New England: A Performance for Seniors (Songs and Stories for Everyone)	Accepted
11	Lt. Job Lane Elementary School	Life Cycle of Chickens	Remove fundraiser sentence, move capital expense under supplies and clarify, Accepted
12	The Bedford Citizen	Creation of an Online Bedford Community Calendar	Clarify expense items, Accepted
13	Kammerwerke Double Wind Quintet	Kammerwerke Double Wind Quintet Concerts (3)	Accepted
14	Bedford Embraces Diversity / Marilou Barsam	Educational Event on Racism	Budget numbers don't add up, Accepted
15	Bedford Destination Imagination	Awareness Campaign: Bedford Destination Imagination	Accepted
16	Bedford High School Peer Leaders	Bedford High School Community Day Multicultural Assembly	Sign form, Clarify budget, George to type, Accepted
17	Hanscom Middle School/Jason Peledge	Traveling to the Ancient World: Museum of Fine Arts, Harvard Museum of Natural History	Accepted
18	Bedford POMS	POMS "Meet the Teachers" Salon event	Accepted
19	Bedford Arts and Crafts Society/Sylvia Mallory	A Series of 5 Artist Demonstrations	Sign form, Accepted
20	Contemporary Arts International Inc. (CAI)	2016 Stone Carving Symposium	Need sponsor letter, Accepted

George will send out letters to applicants who applications need clarification and to rejected applicants. These applicants have two weeks to submit clarifications and/or request reconsideration for rejected applications.

Future Meetings:

November 18, 2015 Wednesday 7:00pm Voting meeting for the distribution of grant money.

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

Meeting Adjourned 9:50pm