

Bedford Cultural Council  
Bedford Town Hall  
Wednesday February 3, 2016  
7:00pm

Present: Barbara Purchia-Chair, Breena Daniell-Asst. Chair, Linda Connelly-Secretary, George Epple-Treasurer, Leslie Wittman, Gyasi Burks-Abbot, Chuck Lipson, Kelley Dadah, Polly Herz

Call to Order

The Bedford Cultural Council Minutes from December 7, 2015 were unanimously accepted.

The Treasurer reported that all prior reimbursements were in and paid, and this year's submissions have begun.

Old Business - Barbara presented the names of people who were coming to term on the BCC board. Breena Daniell has completed two three year terms and will be leaving. Gyasi Burks-Abbott and Polly Herz are completing their first three year term.

New Business –

We reviewed our Funding Priorities and Local Guidelines and suggested small changes as follow:

Under Funding Priorities, add (graphic or fine arts, music, dance, theater, writing, etc.) at the end of number 3 - Projects involving local artists

Under Local Guidelines, remove Action Unlimited, add [bedford.wickedlocal.com](http://bedford.wickedlocal.com) and the Hansconian. Alphabetize the list of media.

We will revisit the requirement for typed and online applications after the MCC has implemented (or not) online applications.

Barbara will update the Bedford Cultural Council page, <https://www.mass-culture.org/bedford#> .

Fundraising - We discussed how to increase the amount of money we have to award grant applicants.

- Leslie has been in contact with Whole Foods. They have let her know that, although they can't do a 5% day, they are willing to contribute refreshments for a function and/or a gift card for a raffle.
- Breena suggested we combine with non-profit community groups to do a fundraising event.
- We discussed asking the town for additional funds, up to matching the MCC amount. Barbara had a proposed presentation for the Selectmen that was reviewed. Suggestions were made. Barbara will redo the presentation and circulate it for more feedback.
- Another option is to contact individuals or companies for additional funds. George mentioned having sponsors and a web site.

Next Meeting – March 16, 2016 Wednesday 7:00pm- Topics: Reception and Fundraising