

## Benton County Cultural Coalition

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

### Benton County Historical Museum

Attending: Sue Borden, Karyle Butcher, May Dasch, Dena Elliott, Betsy Rock Fudge, Susan Johnson, Stefani McRra-Dickey, Susan Shumway, Cliff Trow, Rich Wedland, Jane White

Unable to attend: Ilona Haines, Ann Staley, Sara Swanberg, Rick Wallace

#### A. Chair Report:

Stefani read two thank you letters from grant recipients: Chamber Music Corvallis and Jackson Street Youth Shelter.

Thanks to Rick Wallace for the beautiful bookmarks and also thank you to those who distributed the bookmarks

Thanks you all who worked on the most successful Awards Celebration especially Sue Borden, Ann Staley, and Sue Shumway.

Stafani asked all members whose two year term will be up in June to let her know about their plans to continue for another term. The following members have served all three possible terms and thus can not continue on the Coalition: May Dasch (Philomath), Susan Johnson (Corvallis), and Rick Wallace (Corvallis). These position will have to filled with new members by July 1, 2010

#### Dates for your calendar:

April 17 Coalition Leadership Council

April 21 Next BCCC meeting, Coral House

June 30 End of the fiscal year and then end of members calendar year

July 1 Coalition member list due in OCT office

July 1 BCCC grant report due at OCT

July 31 Coalition grants from OCT announced for 2011

B. Approval of Dec. 9, 2009 Minutes: Accepted by Sue Shumway, Seconded by Cliff Trow and approved by all present

C. Treasurer's report presented by Betsy Rock Fudge

Total revenues to date: \$16,622.45

Total Expenses to date: \$14, 771.33

Reserves \$1,851.12

#### D. Grants Committee Report:

We were reminded that the community Band concert with the Ballet that we helped fund is scheduled for March 14 at the LaSells Stewart Center . It's free. Please attend if you can.

Susan Shumway expressed concern about our giving to the same groups each year. Should we be giving one or two large grants and the rest small? What about the schools? Should they partner with local artists and arts groups when applying.

Stafani talked to OCT about these issues: They said it was OK to give to many of the same groups each year but that the grant process should be open to all.

Concern was expressed that some organizations do not recognize BCCC in their printed materials. (Walter Frankel also expressed concern that OCT is also not being recognized.)

#### E. Brainstorming about our grant process

We split into three groups headed by Susan S., Jane, and Stafani to discuss our grants process. Our discussion included: streamlining the application form, more clearly defining collaboration, define a grant ceiling, have no more than 80% be repeat organizations, emphasize that we are giving seed money

Each discussion chair will summarize their groups responses and send them to Stafani who will then compile them and send them to all.

#### F. Nominations for the 2010/2011 year which begins July 1, 2010:

We need at least two new board members from Corvallis, and two from the County. Needed skills include technology for website and bookmarks. We could strengthen the following cultural areas: Humanities, History, Theater & Music..\*

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Johnson, substitute secretary for the day

#### **Next Meeting: April 21 Coral House**

\*(Susan's comments: Jane, Ann, Karyle, & Susan S. have ties to Humanities; Sue B., Betsy, and Stafani have ties to music. Sara will be the only one with ties to visual arts. We're losing ties to theater, history, and visual arts)