

Bedford Cultural Council
Bedford Town Hall
Monday September 12, 2016
7:00pm

Approved by
11/7/16
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Present: Barbara Purchia-Chair, Kelley Dadah-Co-chair, Linda Connelly-Secretary, George Epple-Treasurer, Gyasi Burks-Abbot, Chuck Lipson, Judy Mabry

Absent: Leslie Wittman, Elaine Grace, Caroline Fedele-Selectman Liaison

Call to Order

Membership: We are pleased to announce two new members to the Bedford Cultural Council.

Judy Mabry and Elaine Grace. WELCOME.

The Bedford Cultural Council Minutes from our meeting August 24, 2016 were reviewed and unanimously accepted.

Treasurers Report: There was concern that several grant recipients had not submitted their paperwork for reimbursement. George will contact each one to remind them to submit.

The full treasurers report is attached.

Bedford Day: Barbara, Linda, and Chuck will be marching in the parade. Chuck will bring his snow rake to support the banner that we will be carrying. We are gathering in Staging Area 3, Page Field section letter B, at 9:50am. We are number 19 in parade placement, behind State Representative Ken Gordon. After the parade, Cultural Council members, who are available, will talk to people and groups about the Cultural Council and pass out BCC business cards.

Reception:

- Gyasi presented to us the announcement that he will be sending out to the newspapers and electronic media.
- Barbara has the list of presenters, posters and table top flyers.
- Linda will supply the Donation jar and clip board for sign-up help.
- George will make up some more of our business cards to hand out at the reception.
- Kelley has compiled and will post a list of whose bringing what food and drink and who is working setup and breakdown.

Grant Status:

We are encouraged to continue to contact anyone who we think may qualify for and benefit from the grant money we have to offer.

Once the grants are all in Linda will be printing out hard copies for each of us at the town hall.

The deadline this year is October 17, 2016 because the 15th falls on a weekend.

November 7, 2016 we will meet to review the grant applications for their ability to meet the Mass Cultural Council and our Local Cultural Council criteria, and will be either approved or denied. George will send out these notices to the applicants. The denied applicants then have two weeks to appeal, at which time they will be reconsidered.

Next Meetings:

November 7, 2016 Monday - Application review, approval and denial.

December 5, 2016 Monday - Reconsideration, voting meeting and distribution of grant money

Meeting Adjourned 8:10pm

