BCA Development Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 15th, 2023

Members of Committee Present: Billi Gosh (Chair), Laura McDonough, Lori Rowe, Deb Caulo, Susan Skalka, Robin Pierce  
Staff: Joyce Cellars, Meara McGinniss, Elena Rosen

1. Billi Gosh called the meeting to order at 12:05 Lori moved to accept the agenda, Laura seconded. All were in favor.

2. Public forum-No public present

3. Joyce reported on the fundraising totals to date. There is about $50K left to raise, feeling confident, hoping to carry some major gifts into next fiscal year.

4. Appeal and lapsed donor update - gifts are significantly down from last year. This trend is also being seen at other local organizations. The lapsed donor personalized notes resulted in quite a few $100 gifts.

5. Board giving - A plan was made to redistribute the board giving “menu” at the May 16th Board Meeting. Billi will follow up with board members individually.

6. Twilight Social updates were given and the committee brainstormed catering options. The guest list will be shared with the committee for review.

7. Annual fundraiser discussion - the committee discussed the timeline, and format and location options. A special meeting was scheduled on Monday, May 22 to further discuss venue options.

8. A motion was made to adjourn at 1:03 by Lori Rowe, seconded by Susan Skalka-all were in favor.

BCA’s mission is to nurture a dynamic environment through the arts that makes quality experiences accessible regardless of economic, social or physical constraints.

We do this by:
- Supporting and promoting Vermont artists and advancing the creation of new work
- Offering a wide spectrum of arts education and engagement opportunities
- Presenting exhibitions and events that place Burlington in a global context, promote critical dialogue and encourage local participation
- Serving as the City of Burlington’s cultural planner by making the arts integral to the area’s economic and civic development, urban design, and livability.