

BC Meeting: Week of February 22, 2012

Members in Attendance:

Dvij B.

Abigail H.

Jess S.

Chris F.

Matt Aiz.

Amani A.

Diwa Cody (Treasurer)

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| 8 | Video Games for Charity | | | | | | |
| A | | Publicity | \$9.00 | | | | |
| B | | Food | \$50.00 | | | | |
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| 9 | Amherst Feminist Alliance | | | | | | |
| A | | Printing Cost for Magazine | \$1,500.00 | | | | |
| B | | Publicity for Submissions | \$10.00 | | | | |
| C | | | | | | | |
| D | | | | | | | |
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| 10 | ACOC | | | | | | |
| A | | Skiing Trip Lift Tickets/ Rentals | \$1,000.00 | | | | |
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| 11 | Senior Ball Committee | | | | | | |
| A | | Tent Rental and Accessories | \$3,570.00 | | | | |
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| 12 | Amnesty International | | | | | | |
| A | | Food | \$30.00 | | | | |
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| 13 | GAP | | | | | | |
| A | | License fee for movie screening | \$250.00 | | | | |
| B | | Food | \$100.00 | | | | |
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| 14 | International Student Association | | | | | | |
| A | | Payment to Drivers | \$120.00 | | | | |
| B | | Cookies | \$20.00 | | | | |
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| 15 | Peer Advocates | | | | | | |
| A | | Honorarium | \$1,000.00 | | | | |
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| 16 | Whistle a Happy Tune | | | | | | |
| A | | Speakers | \$100.00 | | | | |
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| Week 4 Total | | | \$20,318.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

Name of Organization: Mindfulness and Meditation

Name of Requester: Iris Aliaj

AC Box Number: 523

Phone:

E-mail: ialiaj12@amherst.edu

Class Year: 2012

Event Date and Time: Friday, February 17, 5pm

--List Line Items--

Item 1: 75\$ food

Item 2:

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Event Details:

The Dharma dinner will start at 5 pm and end at 7pm and will include sitting meditation, walking meditation, lovingkindness meditation and a shared meal.

The event can be both educational and religious and more than that.

Meditation has originated in the Buddhist tradition so in that respect it can appeal to those interested in Buddhism, but it serves secular audiences just as much by providing a means to destress and learn tools to be in the present moment. Meditation involves invoking feelings of compassion, acceptance for the self and others.

The event has been advertised

<http://www3.amherst.edu/intranet/announcements/index.php> and has 10 people signed up so far.

DNS!

Name of Organization: GlobeMed

Name of Requester: Nicholas Tong

AC Box Number: 1313

Phone: 201-321-6500

E-mail: ntong15@amherst.edu

Class Year: 2015

Event Date and Time: March 30, 7:00PM-2:00AM

--List Line Items--

Item 1: Sound and Light System, \$800

Item 2: Facilities Work Order, \$175

Item 3: Decoration, \$50

Item 4: Publicity, \$50

Item 5: Prizes, \$50

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Item 10:

Event Details: GlobeMed is planning a Dance Marathon in order to raise awareness of and funding for our partner organization, Pastoral de la Salud, which is organizing a project to provide sustainable food sources for the people of Cuscatlan, El Salvador. The basic rules for the Dance Marathon is that students are encouraged to sign up in groups of a maximum of 10 students (students that wish to sign up to win prizes will have to pay a \$30 entrance, which will be divided up among the group members. This fee is only for students wishing to compete for prizes; all students are welcome to come and dance/observe free of charge. All proceeds will go to Pastoral). Competing groups must have at least half of their members dancing at any given time. Because GlobeMed has many other activities planned for the spring (Battle of the Bands, a race, etc.), it would be very helpful if we could have some additional financial assistance to help defray the expenses for this event. The Dance Marathon will provide a great venue for the student body to dance away a Friday evening, while simultaneously assisting our partner charity organization.

BC Comments: Diwa says the "fee" needs to be a suggested donation. Chris suggests that they be given 5 college publicity. Matt raises the point that security would need be involved, if five colleges were involved. Chris backtracks, and decides that this is not a good idea. Diwa tells them to seek co-sponsorship.

There is a motion to fund everything but prizes. 6, 0, 0.

Name of Organization: The EDU

Name of Requester: Olivia Chase

AC Box Number: 1376

Phone: 203-243-3586

E-mail: ochase12@amherst.edu

Class Year: 2012

Event Date and Time: Friday September 21, 2012, 8 PM

--List Line Items--

Item 1: Honorarium, \$10,000

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Event Details:

More Amherst students choose to begin careers in education immediately after graduation than pursue careers in any other field. The EDU is hoping to get the funding necessary to invite Jonathan Kozol to come to address the student body at Amherst on September 21, 2012 in Johnson Chapel. His lecture would address the current state of public education in the United States and would explore themes in his latest book, "Fire in the Ashes", to be released on September 5, 2012.

Mr. Kozol has spoken at Amherst before, sponsored by the Victor S. Johnson Fund and the Office of the President in 2004. He has already agreed to come if funding is secured. We estimate a 600-person audience (we're hoping to fill Johnson Chapel) made up of Amherst students and the wider Five College community. While we are currently funded by the BC, our funding is insufficient to cover a big-name speaker like Mr. Kozol. Our group has a lot of experience planning similar events--our Fireside Chat guest speaker series involves inviting lecturers every two weeks to address a relevant issue in the field of education.

Mr Kozol's biography is as follows:

In the passion of the civil rights campaigns of 1964 and 1965, Jonathan Kozol gave up the prospect of a promising and secure career within the academic world, moved from Harvard Square into a poor black neighborhood of Boston, and became a fourth grade teacher.

He has since devoted nearly his entire life to the challenge of providing equal opportunity within our public schools to every child, of whatever racial origin or economic level. He is, at the present time, the most widely read and highly honored education writer in America.

Death at an Early Age, a description of his first year as a teacher, received the 1968 National Book Award in Science, Philosophy, and Religion. Now regarded as a classic by educators, it has sold more than two million copies in the United States and Europe.

Among the other major works that he has written since are Rachel and Her Children, a study of homeless mothers and their children, which received the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award for 1989, and Savage Inequalities, which was a

finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award in 1992.

His 1995 best-seller, *Amazing Grace: The Lives of Children and the Conscience of a Nation*, described his visits to the South Bronx of New York, the poorest congressional district of America. Featured on the Oprah Winfrey Show and praised by children's advocates and theologians all over the nation, *Amazing Grace* received the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award in 1996, an honor previously granted to the works of Langston Hughes and Dr. Martin Luther King. Nobel Laureate Toni Morrison wrote that *Amazing Grace* was "good in the old-fashioned sense: beautiful and morally worthy." Elie Wiesel said, "Jonathan's struggle is noble. What he says must be heard. His outcry must shake our nation out of its guilty indifference."

Ten years later, in *The Shame of the Nation*, Jonathan returned to the battle with a powerful exposé of conditions he had found in visiting nearly 60 public schools in 30 different districts in 11 states. Virtually everywhere, he found that inner-city children were more isolated racially than at any time since federal courts began dismantling the landmark ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education*. "They live an apartheid existence and attend apartheid schools. Few of them know white children any longer."

The Shame of the Nation, which appeared on the New York Times best-seller list the week that it was published, has since joined *Amazing Grace*, *Savage Inequalities*, and *Death at an Early Age* as required reading at most universities. In a follow-up work, *Letters to a Young Teacher*, Jonathan drew upon four decades of experience to guide the newest generation of our nation's teachers into the ethically complicated challenges but, also, "the sheer joy and passionate rewards" of what he calls "a beautiful profession."

"What a wonderful book!" said Stanford professor Linda Darling-Hammond. "I could not put it down!"

Now, in the major book of his career, to be published in September 2012, Jonathan tells the stories of triumph of inner-city children he has known for a quarter-century in the poorest urban neighborhoods of the United States, as well as the more somber tales of those who have not survived. Hope and glory, sorrow and despair, are intermingled in these pages, but the transcendent victories of many of the children Jonathan's readers have already come to love have left him with a cautious optimism as he looks into the years ahead.

When he is not with teachers in their classrooms, or at universities and colleges speaking to our future teachers, Jonathan is likely to be found in Washington, where he has spent much of the past two years attempting to convince his friends within the Senate leadership to radically revise the

punitive aspects of the federal testing law No Child Left Behind.

Jonathan received a summa cum laude degree in English literature from Harvard in 1958, after which he was awarded a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford University. He has been called by The Chicago Sun-Times "today's most eloquent spokesman for America's disenfranchised." But he believes that teachers and their students speak most eloquently for themselves; and in his newest book, so full of the vitality of youth, we hear their testimony.

BC Comments: Diwa believes they will get money from the President's Office and it is clear that the \$5,000 (half of the honorarium) should be funded. Motion to fund \$5000. 6, 0, 0.

Name of Organization: Mead Art Docents

Name of Requester: Stella Honey Yoon

AC Box Number: 1990

Phone: 4132301442

E-mail: syoon14@amherst.edu

Class Year: 2014

Event Date and Time: March 13, 2012; 8-9PM

--List Line Items--

Item 1: Honorarium for Sabrinas, \$100.00

Item 2: Atkins Donuts and Cider, \$80.00 (\$200.00 rule)

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Event Details: Take a break with art, music and food! Presented by the Mead Student Docents with special musical guests.

BC Comments: Diwa reminds them about the \$200 rule. \$10 of publicity is added. There is a motion to fund in full. 6, 0, 0.

Name of Organization:

Name of Requester: Tahina Vatel

AC Box Number: 1789

Phone:

E-mail: tvatel12@amherst.edu

Class Year: 2012

Event Date and Time: March 30th- April 1st 2012

--List Line Items--

Item 1: Registration fee per student- \$190 (for 5 students)

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Event Details:

Greetings,

Some of us Haitian (and non-Haitian) students on campus are interested in attending the 14th Annual National Haitian Student Conference. This event is being held in Washington D.C. from March 30th to April 1st. The registration fee per student which includes 2 nights stay at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, sit down Dinner and all that the conference has to offer is \$190. The price is bit high because we are not registered NHSA members and we do not officially have a Haitian organization on campus (otherwise it would have been \$175 per student). Still, this speaks to the fact that since there is no Haitian organization on campus, we find it difficult to find a common space to group and engage in meaningful dialogue about issues of relevance to the Haitian-American population. This conference is a rare innovative, informative and interactive opportunity for us to get together with Haitians from other schools around the nation and get that conversation going. The conference itinerary is much like other similar conferences: there is a welcome luncheon, an opening ceremony and cultural showcase on the first night. The second night consists of breakfast, workshop sessions, lunch and activities, and a keynote speaker event. The third night will be closing ceremonies.

Thank you for considering our request for financial assistance to attend this important event. I hope to hear from you soon.

BC Comments: Diwa says this is fine. Motion to fund in full. 6, 0, 0.

Name of Organization: ARTing Club

Name of Requester: Sabrina Song

AC Box Number: 1899

Phone: 2247153798

E-mail: ssong13@amherst.edu

Class Year: 2013

Event Date and Time: Trip to MassMoca

--List Line Items--

Item 1: Student Admission Tickets \$10 each

Item 2:

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Event Details: ARTing Club was founded this semester, which is why it does not have any funding yet. One of the club's goals is to promote awareness of art-related events, galleries, activities off-campus. We would like to receive funds for 7-14 students to take a trip to MassMoca some weekend in March or April TBD based on student interest and availability of vans.

Name of Organization: ARTing Club

Name of Requester: Sabrina Song

AC Box Number: 1899

Phone: 2247153798

E-mail: ssong13@amherst.edu

Class Year: 2013

Event Date and Time:

--List Line Items--

Item 1: \$100 to pay speaker Stacey Lennard

Item 2: \$60 for food and publicity

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Event Details:

ARTing Club would like to receive funding to host a speaker, Stacey Lennard, to give a talk about how arts can be used as a means for social change. We would like to hold the event in late March/early April depending on Stacey's

availability.

Stacey Lennard (Executive Director of Youth Action Coalition):

With a background in photography, graphic design and teaching art and Outward Bound experiences in NYC public schools, Stacey came to the valley in 1995 and coordinated and facilitated the after school programs for Hampshire Youth 2000 Coalition (YAC's former name).

Bringing an arts focus to the organization, Stacey founded GirlsEyeView in 1997 and has helped to shepherd and shape the direction of YAC into an arts-based youth empowerment and social justice-focused organization ever since. She became the Executive Director in 1999. She has a M.Ed. in Art Education from City College of New York and an MFA in photography from UMass Amherst

<http://www.youthactioncoalition.org/about/staff/stacey-lennard.html>

DNS!!

Name of Organization: Habitat for Humanity

Name of Requester: Ben Pullman

AC Box Number: 1830

Phone:

E-mail: bpullman13@amherst.edu

Class Year: 2013

Event Date and Time: March 1, 2012

--List Line Items--

Item 1: Introductory Food \$50

Item 2: Publicity \$9

Item 3:

Item 4:

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Event Details: Habitat for Humanity is starting to plan for their spring fundraiser/awareness event on shantytowns. This would potentially be the Spring semester compliment to the Gingerbread House build. Also, new build times and sites will be announced and logistics relating to those discussed.

BC Comments: Motion to emergency fund. 6, 0, 0.

Name of Organization: Video Games for Charity (Proposed)

Name of Requester: Michael Buckler

AC Box Number: 65

Phone: (347) 776-1383

E-mail: mbuckler13@amherst.edu

Class Year: 2013

Event Date and Time:

--List Line Items--

Item 1: Publicity, \$9.00

Item 2: First meeting food, \$50.00

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Item 4:

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Event Details: Introductory meeting for a proposed organization, Video Games for Charity, which would focus on setting up small community video gaming events to raise money for charities such as Child's Play.

BC Comments: Jess says the donation must be suggested.

There is a motion to fund in full. 6, 0, 0.

Name of Organization: Amherst Feminist Alliance

Name of Requester: Kinjal Patel

AC Box Number: 446

Phone:

E-mail: knpatel13@amherst.edu

Class Year: 2013

Event Date and Time: N/A

--List Line Items--

Item 1: Printing Costs for Magazine, \$1,500.00

Item 2: Publicity for Submissions, \$10.00

Item 3:

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Event Details:

We are in the process of creating a magazine we plan to distribute in late April. Our magazine will provide a safe space for survivors of sexual abuse and dating violence in the Amherst College community to share their experiences. By doing this, we hope to open the larger Amherst community up to an issue that is very common but extremely hidden. We hope to engage in a dialogue about why sexual abuse and dating violence happens at Amherst in the context of gender norms and consent. We will welcome submissions from everyone- regardless of sex, gender, or sexuality. We encourage writers to submit pieces about any aspect of their experience - about the healing process, about how they helped a friend deal with sexual and dating abuse, speaking up or staying silent, feelings of being supported or not being supported, etc.

Line Item 1- We spoke with Demetrius Colvin (from the MRC) about the Identity Magazine and he estimated the printing costs to be up to \$1500 for 1300 black and white magazines of glossy paper and a color cover. We plan to work hard to distribute these magazines because we really believe the magazines will be a very effective way to reach out to the student population.

Line Item 2- The magazine will primarily consist of submissions from the Amherst College student body, so we definitely need to get the word out about our magazine.

BC Comments:

Matt wants to know how many issues will be printed (answer: once a semester), and Amani wants to know what these will be like, and if there will be enough submissions (answer: like Identity magazine).

Diwa thinks this is a great idea. There is a motion to fund in full. 6, 0, 0. \$10 of publicity is included.

There is a second request from the previous week. Need more money for conference registration (\$150 per person, 5 extra people) and \$275 for a hotel room for 5 people, for two nights. There is a second motion to fund in full. 6, 0, 0.

Name of Organization: ACOC

Name of Requester: Luke Lavin

AC Box Number: 0316

Phone: (703) 501-2110

E-mail: llavin13@amherst.edu

Class Year: 2013

Event Date and Time: 3/10

--List Line Items--

Item 1: Skiing Trip Lift Tickets/Rentals- \$1000

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Event Details: We have moved the Friday night trip to a Saturday and expanded the trip due to an excess of interest in the last trip, both of which require extra funding.

BC Comments: There are no comments. There is a motion to fund in full. 6, 0, 0.

Name of Organization: Senior Ball Committee

Name of Requester: Nina Yoo

AC Box Number: 1821

Phone:

E-mail: nyoo12@amherst.edu

Class Year: 2012

Event Date and Time: April 26

--List Line Items--

Item 1: Tent Rental and accessories, \$3570.00

Item 2:

Item 3:

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Event Details: We are planning the annual senior ball. We are requesting money for the tent rental and other items associated with the tent setup. These items include tables, flooring, lighting, and tent installation costs.

BC Comments: Diwa says this is standard, but the usual restrictions apply (senior ball must open up to campus).

Diwa asks if they have co-sponsorship (answer: yes). There is a motion to fund in full. 5, 0, 1 (Jess)

Jess misses last two votes.

Name of Organization: Amnesty International

Name of Requester: Mary Byrne

AC Box Number: 794

Phone: 609-204-6471

E-mail: mbyrne15@amherst.edu

Class Year: 2015

Event Date and Time:

--List Line Items--

Item 1: Food, \$30.00

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Event Details: We plan to host a screening of a movie about censorship in order to raise awareness of this issue. We also hope to foster discussion of this issue after the movie screening, and we hope having food at the event will help to encourage discussion and persuade people to stay for the discussion section. We have hosted similar events like this in the past- we hosted a screening of a movie about the death penalty last semester. We hope to have about ten people attend this event, and hope it will benefit Amherst College by raising awareness of a very important and contemporary issue.

BC Comments: No comments. There is a motion to fund in full. 6, 0, 0.

Name of Organization: Green Amherst Project (GAP)

Name of Requester: Kasope Aleshinloye

AC Box Number: 52

Phone:

E-mail: kaleshinloye14@amherst.edu

Class Year: 2014

Event Date and Time: March 27th 2012, 6.30 - 9pm

--List Line Items--

Item 1: License fee for movie screening, \$250

Item 2: Food, \$100

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Event Details: GAP would like to screen "The Age of Stupid" and host an interactive discussion session after the film.

BC Comments: Jess wants to know if there will be a discussion afterwards and reminds the requester of the \$200 rule. (Answer: There will be a discussion)

There is a motion to fund \$350. 6, 0, 0.

Same requester (Kash) also needs more money for Africa Business Conference, will be discussed in Senate. This is not a request the BC will handle just yet.

Name of Organization: International Students Association
Name of Requester: Shah Saad Alam
AC Box Number: 47
Phone: 8327666175
E-mail: salam14@amherst.edu
Class Year: 2014
Event Date and Time: March 1st and 2nd

--List Line Items--

Item 1: Payment to drivers, \$120.
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Event Details:

The ISA is arranging four trips for students to the RMV in order to help them with applying for their driver permits. For this, we need to hire student drivers. We intend to pay the drivers \$30/trip.
Thank you in advance.

BC comments: Chris comments that this is not typically paid for, Abigail agrees as the BC did not fund the cooks for Hillel (requested in the previous week)

Abigail notes that the AAS paid the shuttle monitors. Matt says that is different. Chris suggests they ask the Dean of Students or Dean Fatemi. Diwa sees the need, but understands the BC's hesitation.

Ultimately, there is a motion to fund \$0. 6, 0, 0.

Name of Organization: International Students Association

Name of Requester: Shah Saad Alam

AC Box Number: 47

Phone: 8327666175

E-mail: salam14@amherst.edu

Class Year: 2014

Event Date and Time: March 3, sometime in the evening

--List Line Items--

Item 1: Cookies, \$20

Item 2:

Item 3:

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Event Details:

The ISA is holding the first of its movie nights for this semester. The event format is that there will be a movie screening, followed by discussion. The event is meant to encourage students to socialize, relax, and discuss an international issue. The ISA also held several movie nights last semester, and this is a continuation of that series.

Thank you in advance.

BC Comments: Diwa needs more information about this event, and the requester explains. Matt says this will be out of the \$200 rule.

There is a motion to emergency fund \$20 for cookies. 6, 0, 0.

Name of Organization: Peer advocates for sexual respect

Name of Requester: Analena Alcabes

AC Box Number: 6

Phone:

E-mail: Aalcabes13@Amherst.edu

Class Year: 2013

Event Date and Time: March 29th 7pm

--List Line Items--

Item 1: 1,000 honorarium

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Event Details: This is for the line campaign again, I made a clerical error last week and still hadn't filled the funding for the honorarium

BC Comments: Diwa asks if they have co-sponsorship. Motion to fund in full. 5, 0, 1 (jess)

Name of Organization: Whistle a Happy Tune

Name of Requester: Rosemary Gonzalez

AC Box Number: 558

Phone: 917-684-6880

E-mail: rgonzalez14@amherst.edu

Class Year: 2014

Event Date and Time:

--List Line Items--

Item 1: Speakers, 100.00

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Event Details: Portable speakers for karaoke tracks when we sing at nursing homes

BC Comments: Amani wants to know what is meant by "Speakers" (Answer: Literal portable speakers). Diwa reminds them that all equipment must stay inside the club. There is a motion to fund in full. 6, 0, 0.

No Request Form or attended office hours:

WAHM

BC Comments: Possibly need \$925*

Motion to fund all of the money. 6, 0, 0.

Rugby:

BC Comments: Need reallocation of funds. Diwa informs the BC that the team will be bringing their tournament/clinic to Amherst.

Amani asks if the people coming are trainers (Answer: sort of...a group/club)

Jess sees this as an honorarium. There is a motion to allow Diwa's office to handle this. 6, 0, 0.

There is also a motion to fund \$10 for publicity. 6, 0, 0.

Amherst College Military Support Core:

BC Comments: New club, \$50 for snacks and refreshments, and publicity and posters.

Diwa says she has a problem with funding their entire budget at once, and it is not something typically done for new clubs

Jess has left the room, briefly. There is a motion to fund (the event in question) in full, 5, 0, 1 (Jess)

Globe Med:

BC Comments: Battle of the bands. There is a motion to fund in full. 6, 0, 0.