

Policy for the BFUU Music Committee (MusC) Sponsorship of Events

A BFUU Music Committee (MusC) sponsored event* that will use BFUU space and/or resources must be proposed by a BFUU member to the MusC and approved by a majority vote of all current MusC voting members (including by email or in person discussions) or a majority of MusC voting members present at a committee meeting where a quorum is present. **Approval of an event means that the MusC believes the event supports and promotes the underlying purpose of the Fellowship, merits active support by MusC members, and that the event would also provide some service to BFUU members and friends.** Approved events should be communicated to the board president and recorded in the minutes of the earliest possible MusC meeting.

- **If there is income generated by the event, the share for performers (or organizers/ groups) that appear for the event will be decided by a majority MusC vote depending on what seems fair for both the performers and for BFUU.** Unless there is a set performance/speaker fee, this is usually a percentage split after expenses with the goal of giving BFUU an amount equal to at least 50% of the full rental rate for outside renters. This is often a 50/50 split, but in some cases, the performers may bring in a large amount of income with most of the income due to their own presence/efforts. In this case, the percentage take for BFUU could be smaller than 50% and even capped at the full rental rate so that BFUU does not receive an excessive amount.
- **Room space used should be chosen that is appropriate for expected attendance.**
- **The date and time set for the event should not conflict with full-rent events when possible.**
- **The MusC may decide that some events merit sponsorship even if there is expected to be low income or even some net cost, but this privilege should be used sparingly.**

* A “sponsored event” here is defined as providing funds and/or resources for an event through MusC and includes events primarily for the benefit of members and friends such as music jams and social gatherings.

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From the BFUU Bylaws”

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Our purpose is to join together in a cooperative quest for religious and ethical values; to apply these values to the fulfillment of our objectives, which are: the development of character, the enrichment of the spirit, and the promotion of universal community and service to all humankind.

Our basic underlying convictions are: that religious truth and scientific truth are compatible, that the democratic process shall govern all human relations, and that each individual has inherent dignity and the right to freedom of religious belief unfettered by any prescribed creed.

Charitable purposes expected for 501(c)3 organizations (Excerpt from the IRS):

The term charitable is used in its generally accepted legal sense and includes relief of the poor, the distressed, or the underprivileged; advancement of religion; advancement of education or science; lessening neighborhood tensions; eliminating prejudice and discrimination; defending human and civil rights secured by law; and combating community deterioration and juvenile delinquency.