

Giving Committee Report:

Here are a few key take-aways from the process:

- It is the standing committee's responsibility to facilitate the process. But all funding decisions are made by the EPNA membership.
- We're sure (we hope!) the process will evolve over time as we learn more.
- Funding will be granted once a year. This will take some getting used to - especially since we tend to get requests throughout the year.
- Recipients of the grants must apply. That means that EPNA will not determine to "just give" funding to an organization that does not specifically ask for it - however see note below:

Traditionally, EPNA has given money to the Bashford Food Pantry annually. The adhoc committee sees that donation as a "thank you" for letting us use their space. Going forward, we recommend that this annual donation (or fee) be part of our standard operating budget. If EPNA stops meeting at Bashford, then the fee would be used for whatever new space that we use. In that example, Bashford Food Pantry can then apply for a grant as part of our standard process.

Hope that helps!

Thank you,

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