

MHA EC Meeting 1-19-17, 2:00 pm

Attendees:

Romie Mizell, Cindy Angelelli, Thea Barbato, Michael (Hutch) Hutchinson, Lee Madden, Sandra Smith, Mary Beth Thomas, Martha Faires, Sandy Gillig, Evy Grouse, Ann Litaker

The Mint Hill Arts Executive Committee met on Jan 19, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

Romie called the meeting to order

Next month's meeting is scheduled for Thursday Feb 16, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

The minutes of the meeting of Dec 15, 2016 were approved.

Items of business:

Cindy has been investigating our **insurance** policy needs and we agreed to meet with an insurance representative on Thurs. Jan 26, at 2:00 p.m. to assess our situation.

Marta said because we have too much to cover in this meeting, we need more time to discuss MHA goals. We agreed to expand the January 26 meeting from 2:00–7:00 pm, order pizza, and continue working on MHA business.

Marta then presented her **education committee concerns**. She says the immediate need is for more sampler teachers. After a discussion about sampler teachers and student attendance, we agreed to postpone sampler classes until summer and then expand class times to offer night and week-day class opportunities along with Saturday classes. Hutch said he could offer night classes that might also draw more men to the classes.

Marta updated us on the ad opportunities in the Matthews-Mint Hill paper and the Mint Hill Times. Lee assured us we have money available for those ads.

We then interrupted committee reports in order to let our guests present new agenda items.

Judy introduced Sandy Gillig and Evy Grouse who came to present an **offsite exhibit** opportunity at the **Mint Hill Animal Hospital**. Sandy said Dr. Janet Gerardot is excited about a permanent art display at her office which offers a unique and spacious site for an art display. Dr. Gerardot will cover expenses and take our advice on how to hang the artwork.

We discussed concerns of managing the exhibit: the call for animal art, duration of each show, hanging procedures, artist participation requirements, MHA commissions, etc.

We agreed on the following procedures:

- We will have a special call to artists for animal art.
- Artists must be members of MHA in order to exhibit.
- The art will hang for one month with the option to reenter the art if there is space available at the next month's intake.

- There will be a special intake table for the Animal Art exhibit during our regular intake hours. (Sandy can then take the art to the Animal Hospital.)
- There is no fee to exhibit, but a 20% commission is taken from the sale of artwork. Checks will be made directly to MHA. Credit Card purchases can be made at MHA. For cash purchases, the artist can deposit the cash to his or her own account and write a check to MHA.
- Tags ~~can be~~ made for each artwork should have the ~~with~~-tax marked clearly with the price.
- We will have an opening reception for the first hanging. (We will avoid the hours that Dr. Gerardot says are too busy for extra activity- T/Th 5-8, Sat. 8-12)
- We will ask Larry Ferguson about hanging needs.

We discussed intake forms and tags for the show. Sandra said we can help Evy with adding the MHA logo and new fields for the tags.

Ann suggested we put out an early “teaser” to get people interested in the show before the call for artists.

Sandy needs a list from Judy of interested committee members to work on the show.

We then continued with committee reports:

Thea gave the **gallery committee** report. She said they discussed the things we just talked about—hosts, gallery functions, needs.

She said 4 artists still have work left to pick up. She is reviewing one call to an artist. There are 5 pieces of work left now, but potentially only 2 works will be left to deal with.

Ann said she can come to the gallery if someone needs to pick up work and no one is at the gallery.

Cindy gave handouts related to our **MHA FY17 goals** discussion, and she has been tracking our progress in meeting our stated goals. She distributed another handout listing the **skill sets** needed for MHA management and suggested that when we sign up new members that we have a form to have them check off what skills and experiences they have so we can place members in fields that fit their abilities.

Sandra is compiling a list of names for the **nominations committee**.

Mary Beth requested to hold her agenda topic until next week’s meeting. She read some statistics for us to think about before then about the loss and gain of new memberships. During the calendar year we had a net loss of 21 members (lost ca. 58 and gained ca. 31 new members) 40% of the new members are active and we now have 49 active members. She noted that we lose fewer active members.

It was suggested that we add 3 or 4 new members-at-large to the board so they can know more about the details of MHA.

We will focus on goals at our Jan. 26 meeting.

Lee gave out a **handout of the budget report**. He said Cindy gave him a chart of categories that she needed for grant information, so he reformatted some of the information to fit her

categories. We agreed that we don't need to see all of this information every month and that Cindy can get information from Lee as needed for her ASC report.

We moved to adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Faires

MHA Secretary