

MINUTES OF OCTOBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

10:00 A.M., Thursday, October 15, 2015

(Members Attending: Cindy Angelelli, Thea Barbato, Michael "Hutch" Hutchinson; Gillian Travell, Lee Madden, Veronica Maldonado, Romie Mizell, Sandra Smith, Mary Beth Thomas. Guest: Jeremiah Ray)

The meeting was called to order by Romie Mizell and the next meeting was set for 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, November 19.

The minutes of the meeting of September 17 were approved as amended.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted. Lee Madden also reported that he is working with Time Warner Cable to get WiFi for the gallery. He will consult with the landlord before proceeding.

Appreciations and Concerns:

- The following members were thanked from their recent contributions:
 - Working Intake for October Show: Mila Antonyuk, Cary Brainerd, Vicki Crossman, Pat Kempisty, April McDermott, Suzanne Ledermann, Sandra Smith, and Mary Beth Thomas.
 - Hanging October Show: Larry Ferguson and Alan Kaplan
 - Decorating for Halloween: Cary Brainerd and Ann Litaker (co-chairs), Madonna Wozny, Tiffany Harris.
 - Hosting the Reception: Patricia Joyner (co-chair), Pat Kempisty
- Judy Mizell was congratulated for having her watercolor "Angst" selected for the NC Watercolor Society's permanent collection.
- The committee expressed its condolences to Jennifer Benton on the loss of her mother.

Committee Updates:

- Cindy Angelelli reported that the grant proposal to the Arts and Science Council has been submitted.
- Romie reported that he and Barbara Tull, Chair of the Show Sponsorship Committee, had secured most of the awards for the Litaker Show in December.

Business:

- Lee proposed that art sold from the gallery be made available to the buyer at the time of purchase rather than at the end of the show and that a framed "SOLD" sign replace the artwork. The motion was approved. Mary Beth Thomas will notify the Gallery Hosts of the new policy.
- Romie brought up the fact that we have no established procedure for allowing guests to appear before the committee. Mary Beth and Sandra Smith volunteered to draft a section of the bylaws to cover that and other procedures relating to the functioning of the EC and report back.
- Romie proposed that we have door prizes at each reception, in part to add another dimension to the receptions and in part as a mechanism for determining the number of attendees, which is needed for grant proposals and reports. A motion to do that was approved and Thea Barbato assumed responsibility for obtaining prizes.

- Thea reported that the Call for Artists for the November show, “Overflowing,” had gone out. Thea and Romie will invite a musician for the reception and Mary Beth will arrange for the gallery to be decorated with a fall motif.
- A vacuum cleaner is missing from the storeroom and there have been several reports that the door to that room was found to be unlocked. Teachers and others who use that room should be reminded to check the door carefully to be sure it is locked.
- A better system for allowing the hosts and teachers to know how many students have signed up for particular classes is needed. Romie will see what Marta suggests.
- Gillian Travell moved that we have a judged show for members only. The motion was approved and she will work with Thea to establish the date.

Presentation by Jeremiah Ray: Jeremiah Ray is interested in developing a long range plan for a stronger arts program in Mint Hill. He made a number of suggestions that merit further consideration now and in the future. Romie, Hutch, and Sandra shared some of the past and ongoing efforts to promote the arts in Mint Hill and to involve local businesses and professional practices in the community in supporting our efforts to enrich the cultural life of the area. In the context of the discussion, Romie and Hutch discussed briefly our need for an updated trifold brochure, which they are in the process of designing. Jeremiah was thanked for his input and his commitment to Mint Hill Arts and asked to help us recruit more young artists to the organization.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 A.M.