Mint Hill Arts Executive Council Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2022

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| **Present:** | David McGee, Jay Alexander, Pat Kempisty, Sharron Burns, Sandra Smith, and Pam Rowell  Via Zoom: Kim DiBiasio, Thea Barbato, Cindy Angelelli, and Jessica Schlesinger |
| **Meeting:** | Called to order by David McGee  Next meeting scheduled for 4/11/2022 at 10 am |
| **Minutes:** | Approved |
| **Reports:** |  |
| Finance Report: | David McGee reviewed the February Financial Statement (previously distributed to EC by Kim Palma), commenting on the increase in current assets over the prior year due to the $16K City of Mint Hill Grant received 11/2021. EC also reviewed the FY Preliminary Budget. A question was raised regarding a March 8, 2022 email referencing the $4,789 Infusion Fund Grant money (Of note, Infusion Fund Grant replaced monies previously received from Arts and Science Council. Grant money is primarily used to cover rent and utility expenses.) Cindy Angelelli listed the $4,789 Infusion Fund Grant as a separate line item in the budget. However, Kim Palma had already included this amount in another general revenue line item. The preliminary budget was subsequently updated to reflect the duplicate entry. Jay Alexander and Cindy will meet to discuss operating revenues and expenses to determine whether any FY22/23 budget expense item(s) need to be modified as a result of this duplicate revenue entry. |
| Education Committee: | Kim DiBiasio reported that MHA had 101 registrations in 19 classes (record high) with $13,989 in revenue, netting MHA $3,501.08. This included two private events – the Rupam Workshop and a private painting class conducted by Kim DiBiasio for the Girl Scouts. The Spring session has launched and to date there are 40 registrations in 13 classes with $1,504.80 anticipated net revenue for MHA. Jessica Schlesinger and Kim are planning to team teach summer camps. The first session will be a Hogwarts theme. |
| Show Schedule Committee: | Thea Barbato reported that Hamilton Ward will judge the Photography show scheduled for April. He has not previously judged at MHA; Thea is excited to add him to her list of judges. Information for the “Call Out” has been submitted to the Communication team (i.e., judge’s bio and information regarding the Photography show.) Thea plans to use an emerging judge for the May (ribbons only) show. Ribbons for the April, May and June shows have been ordered. David McGee provided feedback from the March Student show. Approximately 150 individuals attended the reception. Winner info and photos have been submitted to Mint Hill Times for publication. David discussed the need for artists to have their artwork ready for hanging at the time of intake since considerable time was spent by MHA to equip student artwork for hanging. Jessica Schlesinger will make a video, showing how to properly wire artwork for hanging and include on the MHA website. She will include examples of acceptable and unacceptable wiring in her video. Kim DiBiasio recommended limiting the number of pieces of artwork accepted (i.e., 1st 60), as well as the size of artwork accepted, to ensure that there is adequate wall space to properly display all art. |
| Communication Committee: | Kim DiBiasio is transitioning the social media and communication responsibilities back to Jessica Schlesinger. Welcome back Jessica! Jessica briefly discussed “Square” space technology. She also brought to the Committee’s attention that Steve Lindenman has a brand new (never used) “Square” set up for sale. Jessica will forward information to Cindy Angelelli for consideration by IT Strategy team. |
| Grants/Funding: | Cindy Angelelli has been in communication with Priya Sicar (Foundation of the Carolinas) regarding meeting to discuss funding. |
| IT Strategy Proposal | Cindy Angelelli reported that two potential vendors indicated that they plan to respond to the IT Request for Proposal (RFP). To date only one written response has been received. The response received is within budget and proposes the project to take three weeks. |
| Miscellaneous: | Cindy Angelelli reported that the individual that she thought might be interested in chairing/leading the Monthly Programs Committee has declined the opportunity. EC briefly discussed finding someone to conduct a monthly program for April. Previously monthly meetings were the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7p and the presenter received $100/presentation. Consideration given to ramping up to do programs again rather than making a monthly commitment at this time. David McGee updated the EC on his conversation with Realtor (Dave Rabon) regarding potential rental space(s) for MHA. None of the suggested locations were found to be a good fit given cost/sq ft, parking considerations and upfitting costs. Dave Rabon said he would keep an eye out for something that might be suitable. Rupam Varum was selected to decorate a giant Easter egg for the Mint Hill Giant Easter Egg Hunt. Plans are to track and post (on the MHA website) Rupam’s work on her giant Easter egg. David McGee was contacted about the potential for MHA artist(s) to participate in an art project for a “counseling room” at the Mint Hill Novant Hospital. More information to come regarding project. |