Mint Hill Arts Executive Council Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2022

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| **Present:** | David McGee, Jay Alexander, Sharron Burns, Cindy Angelelli, Mary Ellen Pike, Pat Kempisty, and Pam Rowell  Via Zoom: Kim DiBiasio |
| **Meeting:** | Called to order by David McGee. Mary Ellen Pike was welcomed to EC in her new Member at Large role.  Next meeting scheduled for 8/8/2022 at 10 am. No meeting scheduled for July 2022. |
| **Minutes:** | Approved |
| **Reports:** |  |
| Finance Report: | David McGee reported that the IT and classroom updates expenses will hit the Finance Report this month. |
| Education Committee: | Kim DiBiasio reported $9,755 with 76 registrations in 15 classes. The summer session starts on 6/13/2022 and will run through 8/19/2022. Camps are 9a – 12p, Monday – Friday (6/20 – 6/24, 7/11 – 7/15, and 8/15 – 8/19). Series class offerings are planned by Rupam Varma, Sharron Burns, Steve Lindenman, and Kim DiBiasio. |
| Gallery Committee: | Sharron Burns will serve as Gallery Director and reconstitute the Gallery Committee. Thea Barbato will continue to manage the art shows and judging as a Member at Large. The set of criteria to be considered by all judges when judging shows (to bring uniformity to all shows) will be developed by the Gallery Committee and submitted to the EC for review. Shows potentially exempted from these criteria are the Oberg show entries and the student show entries particularly from a framing/presentation standpoint. Discussion ensued regarding the removal of the “Best in Show” award from the Novant show. The 2022 Novant show was set up more like the Litaker show with no “Best in Show” award. Monetary awards were limited to a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place award in each of the four media categories (i.e., $125, $50, and $25 respectively). MHA uses historical data to determine the media categories for shows to help ensure that entries are evenly distributed across the various categories (i.e., oil and acrylic versus water media). David McGee will oversee the artwork hanging process. |
| Show Schedule: | Thea Barbato was absent. No report given. Per schedule the August show is a Watercolor show expanded to include ink and other water-based art. This is a judged show. |
| Communication Committee: | Jessica Schlesinger was absent. No report given. |
| Grants/Funding: | Cindy Angelelli introduced Tara Goodfellow (not physically present) to the EC. Tara G. will be responsible for the “grants” component only. Continue to look for a director for fund raising in the meantime Cindy A. will remain in this role while serving as President for the 2022-2023 FY. |
| IT Strategy Proposal: | Entec Systems met with several MHA members on 5/24/2022 to discuss their initial IT recommendations. Entec Systems was asked to comment on a couple of other art/museum/ed specific solutions that Kim DiBiasio and Cindy Angelelli had knowledge of. Cindy A. will update EC when she hears back from Entec Systems. |
| Annual Business Meeting: | The annual MHA members meeting was held on 6/11/2022 at 9:30a. Members voted Cindy Angelelli as President and Jay Alexander, Pat Kempisty, Sharron Burns and Mary Ellen Pike (new) as Members at Large. (An additional Member at Large position was added for the 2022-2023 FY.) As part of the restructuring currently underway within MHA, the EC moved Thea Barbarto to a Member at Large position, replacing Sharron Burns who was moved to the Gallery Director position. |
| Miscellaneous: | Cindy Angelelli reported that as part of its strategic plan, MHA is seeking a more diverse membership. Currently the membership is predominantly comprised of white females. The transition to a new IT solution will help in supporting these efforts (i.e., zip code tracking for classes, events, etc.) The Infusion Fund from whom we apply/receive grant monies is more likely to support organizations with a diverse membership. Cindy A. suggested potentially holding a class at the Visitor Center at the Stevens Creek Nature Preserve on Thompson Road to expand the reach of MHA. Jay Alexander noted that to qualify as a “non-profit” on the 990-form filed with the IRS, MHA needs to demonstrate that more money is spent on its programs than on its administration. Cindy A. shared with the EC an expense form that she has been using to report expenses to the MHA Bookkeeper (Barbara). Barbara will evaluate and make any needed revisions/additions to the form (i.e., add categories for commonly reported expenses) so that it can be published and used by MHA membership. |