

Missouri Artisan Association
dba Best of Missouri Hands
Board Meeting
Boone Electric Cooperative : Columbia, Missouri
January 11, 2010

Minutes

Roll Call

Attendance was as follows:

Mary Beth St. Clair, President
Julie Bricknell Secretary
Mike Ochonicky, Exec. Director
Michael Gaines, Advisor
Vic Barr
Brenda Beck-Fisher
Jeff Walker
Jamie Carey-Humphreys
Peggy King
Susan Leslie Lumsden
Danya Roselle
Jeanne Scott
Garnetta Sullivan
Stephanie Witte
Danita Wood

President Report

Mary Beth St. Clair called the meeting to order at 10:15am. Additions to the agenda were made under Old Business including the Board Member Contract and Board Member resignations. A discussion item, "New Project" was added under New Business. Motion made to accept minutes for 11/12/09 by Vic Barr, second by Susan Lumsden. All approved.

Mary Beth recommended the By Laws be amended to indicate that new officers take office at the 1st organizational meeting of the year, not January 1st as stated. Danita Wood so moved and Peggy King second. All approved.

Secretary Report

It was proposed that a Board Calendar be created for the year. Board members agreed to keep Board Meetings in a central location such as Columbia or Jefferson City. Three members reported having a 3-4.5 hour drive to attend meetings. Peggy King volunteered to find meeting facilities for the Board meetings, as well as arrange for catering for the year if the

Board wanted to continue meeting in Columbia. Peggy's offer was accepted by the Board.

The Board Calendar was reviewed and discussion followed. The Calendar should be amended throughout the year as events are identified. Garnetta will keep events posted on-line current. It was proposed that committees be reviewed every 2-3 years.

Meeting dates for 2010 will be held in Columbia as follows (with the exception of March):

March 12th before and after ArtSmart conference

May 20th

August 19th

November 18th

January 21, 2011

Mike O. passed out additions to Board Handbooks to old members and handbooks to new members. A Professional Development Scholarship Application and 2010 Best of Missouri Hands Board of Directors listing were added to handbook. Mary Beth added that handbooks should be read and brought to every board meeting for reference or for new additions.

Mary Beth proposed additional contract labor to assist with operations of the organization and to oversee events and new projects. The person should be located in Columbia, which is our home base. Danita Wood and Mary Beth St. Clair are looking for a physical location and possible sharing of space with another organization.

The board was given an overview of a future project to develop a Folk Art/Tourism location in the central part of the state. Missouri's 1st Lady, Georganne Nixon, has expressed interest in pursuing this objective. Before much more can be done, a Business Plan must be developed. Danita Wood volunteered to make some contacts in Economic Development to assist us.

Treasurer Report

Mike O. presented the Treasurer's Report for the absent Linda Bohnsack. Profit and Loss Statement and Year End Report were submitted for Board approval. ArtSmart 2009 and ARTstravaganza reports were received late, but the loss indicated in the report was covered under the Art Services Grant and that did not get on the books for the fiscal year.

Discussion followed of other bookkeeping problems in past years that are now corrected to prevent them from happen again. The financial outlook for 2010 should be more positive due to grant money coming in to pay for contract labor. We will also be getting "in-kind" contributions with our on-line advertising agreements.

Mike O. recommended to the Board that we hire Linda Bohnsack as bookkeeper on a one-year contract. Terms of the contract will be written by Mike O. The Executive Director has the authority to hire staff once budgeted by the Board. Linda has done an excellent job reorganizing our record keeping to be more efficient and accurate which will greatly assist Mike O. when she is applying for various grants. The Board recommended Linda be hired as of Feb. 1, 2010 for 15 hr/wk at \$150.00 a week or \$1800/year. The Treasurer will receive quarterly reports from Linda and report to the Board. The Treasurer will enter reports into the computer.

The Proposed Budget for 2010 was reviewed. The Board asked that the line item "salaries" be changed to "contract services" since MAA/BOMH does not have actual employees, but rather contracts for services. The total line item dollar amount should also be corrected to \$16,800 with adjustments to totals.

Motion made to approve Treasurer Report by Danita Wood, second by Garnetta Sullivan. All approved.

Motion made to accept Budget Proposal for 2010 with above-mentioned corrections by Vic Barr, second by Peggy King. All approved.

Activities Report

ARTstravaganza currently has a candidate for a chairperson if there is flexibility on the date. *ARTstravaganza* has been held for 7 years. The deadline to reserve space is soon. Although the event has lost money the last few years, the Board would like to look into continuing it again in 2011. Discussion followed.

Big Red Box is in its 5th year. A committee is needed to develop the event for 2010. In 2009, 28 artist participated. Attendance was low, but there was no financial loss for BOMH since The Foundry sponsors the event. The Foundry Board will determine if it will be held for 2010.

Silver Dollar City: Report was made by Melynda Lotven. Melynda and Jeff reported it will be SDC's 50th year. They will provide the Missouri Made Village again September 11 to October 30. Three weeks have openings: 1st, 2nd and 8th. SDC participants had positive comments on survey last year. A total of 3,000 hours of educational time obtained for BOMH members during this time which helps us meet our mission. Jeff reported they need a waiting list to fill unplanned vacancies that may happen.

Art Smart 2010: Mike Ochonicky reported that VSA Arts is sending some of its members to participate in ArtSmart this year. They are providing scholarships for the 3 attendees who have signed up so far, and will pay for a interpreter if needed. Deb Faulkner, Chairman of conference for 2010 has resigned from the position. Nancy Kohler is co-chair. Need Immediately: donors, someone to run Friday Frolics, chair of Educational Arcade. A volunteer list was passed out to the Board to get more volunteers.

Art Smart 2011: Mary Beth has information from venues in Columbia, Lake of Ozark and Jefferson City. Need new committee chair. Jeff Walker has volunteered to negotiate with venues for dates and rates when he receives a budget. Mike O. will provide him with guidelines

Danita Wood announced dates for Best of Missouri Life Festival held May 21- 23 in Booneville for 2010. Best of Missouri Hands juried artists have pre-juried status for the art show being held inside at this event. The event is currently being held every other year.

Executive Director Report

Wholesale Show: Kentucky Crafted has 9 artists going. We have offered 2 free attendees to our conference in return.

Mike O. passed out Conflict of Interest forms for new members to complete and sign.

Grants: Regional Arts Commission

Missouri Arts Council for artist visits and class visit to studio available

Mike asked members to write letters to Governor Nixon and your state legislative representatives to thank them for including the arts in the budget. February 10th is Citizens' Day at the Legislature in Jefferson City and she encourages all to attend to represent MAA/BOMH. MAA will pay for registration for the board if anyone would like to attend.

Membership Committee Report

Danya read the last Membership Committee Meeting report (see attached). Mike O passed out post cards to Board Members to be used to welcome new members in their zip code area. A list of those names and addresses will be sent to members as new members join.

Old Business

Jury Procedure: The final copy of the new Jury procedure was brought for approval. Final discussion or comments were made. Susan Lumsden moved to accept. Jamie Carey-Humphreys seconded. All approved.

Strategic Planning Final Copy: The Board recommended acceptance of the plan and to add more specific dates to achieve goals in future meetings. Motion made by Jeff Walker to accept as is and for the Executive Committee to review and add specific dates for execution during their March meeting. Seconded by Danita Wood. All approved.

Board Training: Mike O. announced a conference call for all Board members will be held on Feb. 2nd at 9:00pm. Call in should be from 9:00 to 9:15pm. She asked that members review their Board Handbook before the call.

Board Nominations: Floor was opened for nominations. Mary Beth read nominations from Valerie Bashaw and others as follows:

President: Vic Barr, Danita Wood, and Jeff Walker (Vic and Danita declined)

VP : Jeff Walker, Garnetta Sullivan, Valerie Bashaw (Valerie declined)

Treasurer: Vic Barr, Lori Purk, Doris Lucy

Secretary: Julie Bricknell, Brenda Beck-Fisher

Open discussion. Final slate of nominations were:

President; Jeff Walker, Peggy King

VP: Jeff Walker, Garnetta Sullivan

Treasurer: Lori Purk, Doris Lucy, Vic Barr

Secretary: Julie Bricknell, Brenda Beck-Fisher

A vote was taken and Officers for 2010-2011 were elected as follows:

President: Peggy King
Vice President: Garnetta Sullivan
Treasurer: Vic Barr
Secretary: Julie Bricknell

A motion made to accept new officers by Jeanne Scott. Seconded by Jeff Walker. All approved.

A letter of resignation from the Board of Directors has been received from Tom Christen. Motion made by Danita Wood to accept resignation. Susan Lumsden seconded the motion. All approved.

Board Member Contracts were passed out, approved, and then signed by members. Danita Wood recommended contract be amended to show errors & omissions and that liability coverage for Board members is provided.

New Business:

A motion was made by Vic Barr to sell Walgreens stock held by MAA/BOMH when it reaches \$40 a share. Stephanie Witte seconded. All approved.

After discussion, motion made by Jeff Walker to amend the By Laws to change the maximum Board size from 25 to 18. Vic Barr seconded. All approved

New Project: A sign up sheet may be available at ArtSmart for members to sign up to display their art in the Governor's Mansion. Final details are yet to be set for this display. The first display will be in March and will be dedicated to glass art. A bio and business cards should be provided with items to be displayed. Michael Gaines will assist with the display and will bring schematic and measurements of the display area. Sonya Nicholson is chair of the committee and will have more details on this at a later time.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

President

Secretary