



Annual Membership Meeting
April 17, 2021
10:00am – 1:00pm
by Zoom

Respectively submitted by Kim Kienbusch Cliffe

Present: Kim Carr, Nancy Koehler, Allison Norfleet Bruenger, Marcia Menendez, Michael Gaines, Peggy King, Wanda Tyner, Tresa Killion, Patty Muenks, Don Crozier and BOMH members.

Allison Norfleet Bruenger welcomed all BOMH members and went over the rules of zoom, along with the agenda for the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Kim Kienbusch Cliffe

Kim Kienbusch Cliffe read minutes from the Feb. 17, 2021 meeting to all attending. Motion for approval by Tresa Killion and seconded by Allison Norfleet Bruenger.

President's Report: Nancy Koehler

Nancy Koehler welcomed all to the BOMH Annual Meeting. Due to Covid19, we are doing a virtual meeting on Zoom. Nancy Koehler introduced all board members and contracted personnel. Each of them said a short introduction about themselves.

Nancy Koehler announced that the 2022 ArtSmart Conference will be at Stoney Creek on April 29-May 1, 2022. It will be live and in person. Caroline Edlund will be the guest speaker again. We will have a break out session as well.

Vice President's Report: Marcia Menendez

Marcia Menendez stated that she has Nina Miller and Annie Webster wanting to run for Board members, possibly 3-4 more people to ask. It would be nice to get a few from the western side of the State of Missouri. Annual election will be posted for voting on BOMH site.

Treasurer's Report: Don Crozier

Don Crozier introduced Peggy King as the bookkeeper and Don referred to the financials previously sent to the Board members. We are in good financial shape with a balance of almost \$70,000. Don said we could spend some of our cash reserves if warranted. He is putting together the annual budget in June and set up monies for some projects. Membership levels are still growing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Regional Events: Allison Norfleet Bruenger, Patty Muenks

Patty Muenks explained what her job is. She also talked about that the Regional Events came to a halt with the Covid19 virus.

Education Committee: Wanda Tyner talked about helping our members with the 23 on-line workshops held in 2020-2021. There were 475 attendees at the workshops, and they were all recorded. We started Critique Sessions with Marcia Menendez, July 13 with Wanda Tyner.

Kim Carr stated it was a good way to connect with members during Covid. It offered a benefit to members of BOMH. Patty Muenks said that the Encouraging meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays and last about an hour.

Grants Committee: Nancy Koehler – Chairperson, Michael Gaines - Board Consultant

Nancy Koehler thanked the Missouri Arts Council (MAC) for funding through the state of Missouri. Just got our monies this year, \$3,000 plus. The MAC grant funds zoom workshops, speakers and contracted positions. BOMH is looking for Grant Committee people. Going forward we will need to be more specific on the grant applications and return to using the funds for the Visiting Artists program.

Communication Committee: Marcia Menendez, Kim Carr, Patty Muenks.

Instagram: 921 Followers

FB: 3530 followers

YouTube: 61 followers

BOMH Members Only FB: 649 followers

Please keep up to date your BOMH Facebook page and add #BOMH to your Instagram posts.

Patty Muenks stated it was a good opportunity for artists to utilize the BOMH page.

Jury Committee: Marcia Menendez and Lee Richards

The next Jury session will begin July 1, 2021.

Recent newly Juried Members were recognized by reading their names:

Summer 2020

BJ Kamler, Michelle Mohr, Amy Jamison, Pen Brady

Winter 2020

Mary Ann Baer, Laurie Von Mondfrands, Leigh Ann Thomas, Alex Johnmeyer, Debbie Kindschuh, Kelly Parker, Kirby Caroll

Visiting Artist Committee: Allison Norfleet Bruenger, Mary Drastal

Mary Drastal will be withdrawing and be replaced by Nina Miller. At this time no schools will allow

artists to come in. Nina Miller will be using virtual lessons to reach out to students and Mary Drastal will be helping her. Normally artists go to classrooms and talk about being an artist and possibly do projects, etc. Our goal is to spread out further into the State of Missouri. Alex Johnmeyer would like to be a part of this committee with Nina Miller. Visits will hopefully start up again in the fall of 2021.

Membership Committee: Nancy Brickner (presented today by Nancy Koehler)

Nancy Brickner sent welcome cards to new members and condolence letters for members and their families.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nancy Koehler explains the BOMH Professional Development Grant process of \$500.00 yearly to members and how to apply for it. Tresa Killion received the 2019 grant to purchase a smaller pottery wheel for travel. She demonstrated a clay creation on her wheel, and indicated she would love to go to the schools to demo as well.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2021 Professional Development Grant was split between two recipients this year

Cindy Larimore

She is a St. Louis artist and new to BOMH. She paints on glass surfaces. Cindy has enrolled in an Artsy Shark marketing workshop with the grant funds.

Debbie Kindschuh

She is a photographer and was in need of a darkroom. This grant will give her that opportunity.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40am, 1st motion- Wanda Tyner and 2nd motion by Marcia Menendez.

Mission Statement

The Best of Missouri Hands is dedicated to the development and recognition of Missouri's Artists and Artisans

Primary Goals of the Best of Missouri hands are to advance the arts in Missouri by:

- *Education of the public and about Missouri arts and crafts
- *Educating its members and the community at large through and bi-annual conference, periodic newsletters and active website and other interactive communications
- *Providing technical assistance and mentoring for artistic development
- *Offering regional and national networking opportunities
- *Rewarding excellence through its jury process
- * Preserving cultural heritage through public education, exhibition and other projects.