

MINUTES

Franklin County Arts Guild Board Meeting

July 24, 2018 6pm | called to order by *Nancy Wallace*

Members Present

Nancy Wallace, Margie Gallagher, Denise Miller, Pippa Browne

Secretary Report

Minutes of June Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Report was deferred until regular meeting.

PR Report

There was no PR report

Gallery Report

Deferred as this was a major agenda item.

Agenda Items

- A prepared copy of the final draft of the Bylaws was presented as it appeared in the June minutes of the regular meeting.
- The remainder of the board meeting was given over to a discussion of the gallery and the two proposals before the Guild
 - Jere Creed who has fixed the roof and is repairing damages including mold abatement due to chronic leaks proposes that the Gallery Cooperative no longer pay 20% of sales for rent but instead abide by a usual contract with Cowan Development Corp. This involves paying utilities, taxes, and insurance. The Guild and Artisan Depot would also assume maintenance cost for the building.
 - Cost/month based on last 2.5 years would be
 - \$170/ month electricity
 - \$130/ month water

- \$130/month gas
- \$133/month taxes
- \$ 5/month insurance
- Total is about \$568/month
- Currently 25% of sales would pay about \$400 each month leaving us \$170 short each month and does not allow for a maintenance fund. So other funds would become necessary such as fees from artist. We would not have the expense of moving. If artist (30) paid \$20/month we would have money to make up the difference and have an additional \$3100 for maintenance.
- James Dunn offers a sound building in Winchester and would expect us to pay \$250-\$300 rent each month and pay utilities. We expect the utilities to be around \$300/month. He would pay for maintenance and taxes. So \$300/month utilities plus rent is \$550-\$600. He would also expect the Guild to raise funds to assist him in paying for the building since the rent is too low to pay for the building. We would also incur significant moving costs.

The Board agreed that both conditions were of about the same cost and therefore decided to recommend to the membership that we remain in Cowan at the Artisan Depot in which we have invested \$1000s of dollars in the last 2.5 years and contract with Cowan Development Corp under their usual contract. In order to be able to pay for this contract we would need to levee a rental fee from contributing artists of \$20/month. Such fees are common in most cooperative artist galleries. The student gallery and community show would remain in place. Members of the galley would not need to be members of the Guild, but would be encouraged to join. Further the board agreed to recommend that the membership embrace this new opportunity with energy and enthusiasm. That this energy be fully invested in the bringing the gallery and the programs offered there forward. To this end the board recommends that the Guild make maximum use of the gallery which now includes a volunteer run contributing artists space, community shows, a student gallery, workshops, the Acoustic Jam, and an Art Corner for exchange of art supplies for donations. We need now to include Art Wednesday and meetings in this space.

- The final item of business is that the Winchester Downtown Program asked up if we had any objections if they called a new program they will be offering at the Livery "The Artisan Way". The Livery is the name of the newly renovated space on Jefferson Street in Winchester. There were no objections, but the board did thing that a name like "Branching Out" would be more indicative of the programs being offered.

Meeting was adjourned around 7:00pm

Sharron Hammond provided a wonderful meal with a chicken casserole, salad, and dessert! Thank you Sharron.