

Franklin County Arts Guild Membership Meeting

August 22, 2017

Members Present: Nancy Wallace, Margie Gallagher, Denise Miller, Judy Grealis, Pat Richards, Anna Kathryn Anderson, Diana Lamb, Frances Perea

Note: There was no program as Vice President was not there and no arrangements had been made known to anyone else.

Approval of Minutes and Memberships Report: Margie Gallagher
Minutes of the last regular meeting were approved as circulated.

Treasurer Report: Denise Miller

Denise Miller reported that she has purchased QuickBooks (\$50 from Tech Soup) and it is installed in her computer. She needs to transfer data from Maryann Knowles computer at Cowan Development to her computer to generate statements. She reported a balance of over \$19,000 dollars as of the end of July, with more funds coming in from Farm to Table, PayPal, and the CD that will be moved to our regular checking account.

PR Report: Pat Richards

Pat Richards reported that there were some frustrations related to PR. Kim is frustrated with the number of items that are coming to her for email and not knowing which are important and which are not. Email press releases also did not go out. Nancy ask that the PR folk meet after the next gallery meeting (September 5) to discuss how communications and public relations can be handled without causing everyone too much frustration and still get things out as needed. Action Item: Pat Richards will make PR group aware of meeting.

Gallery Report: Margie Gallagher

- Gallery sales are going well for August with over \$,2000 in sales so far this month.
- Renovations continue to be on hold and we need to decide about having an opening show in the current space.
- Leaks are a continuing and worsening problem. Mark brought over a dehumidifier to help with the mold problem. We hope to make roof repairs during renovations. .
- Alida Morgan's Member show and the community show American Retro show opened August 3rd. Alida hung a banner for her show. The banner cost was around \$70. There were over 150 people at the show. Alida invited just over 100 people personally by direct mail.
- The Art Supply Corner is now open for donations and art supply recycling.
- Workshops (in gallery) are in planning stages (Frances Perea is handling this aspect of mission).
- We need to buy more minutes for the phone as it is not currently working.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Scholarship Endowment

Document was signed and check written to Community Fund of Middle Tennessee. Group approved of having a publicity picture with big check on Art Wednesday August 30 if it can be arranged.

Action: Margie will contact CFMT about publicity on August 30, Pat Richards will contact people like the superintendent of FC Schools and others as appropriate to come to the event including news media.

2. Arts and Ales

Nancy Wallace reported that since Mark Ledbetter was not able to be present we do not know if the best date for Arts and Ales is the 17th or the 24th of February. Also not able to decide what kind of glasses since Mark was also going to bring those. However, we did discuss what actions can be taken before the next meeting. Denise Miller volunteered to take care of tracking tickets sales. Group also approved of using local sources to purchase A&A items.

Action Items: Nancy Wallace will contact Mark to find out about date. When decided, she will order tickets which can take up to a week. Diana Lamb will promote A&A at the upcoming Wriggle using a large and revised poster. We will also promote Arts and Ales at Heritage Festival.

3. Guild Budget 2017-2018

Last year's budget. Since data has not been moved to Denise Miller's computer we were not able to check last year's expenditures against those that had been projected. However, Denise can buy us a laptop computer looking at places on the internet that have been suggested as well as local bargains.

Action: Denise Miller will buy the Guild a laptop.

4. Participation in Fall Heritage Festival and in Tullahoma Crafts Day during Tennessee Crafts Week

The Board recommended that the Guild participate in the Fall Heritage Festival by having an outside booth in the garden at the gallery. Also recommended that the Guild donate \$80 to the Fall Heritage Festival to demonstrate monetary support. The group approved of recommendations.

Action: Denise Miller will write check to Fall Heritage Festival

The Board further recommended that the Guild support the Tullahoma Art Center Crafts Day event fundraiser for their children's program by donating \$100 in support. Group approved recommendation. Members may also participate by renting a booth at reduced rates and are encouraged to donate art items to the Silent Auction.

Action: Denise will write a check to the Tullahoma Arts Center.

5. Motion to adjourn was made at 8 pm and was uncontested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

France Perea announced the evolving efforts to do workshops in the gallery. Action Item: Frances will draft a set of guidelines for holding workshops in the gallery including price structures.

Margie Gallagher announced that she would be writing an ACCESS grant to the Tennessee Art Commission for A&A which she had forgotten to mention in the A&A discussion.