

Smith Mountain Arts Council Minutes#

September 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 by Anne Motley.

Attendees: Anne Motley (Vice President), Betsy Ashton (Secretary), Marty Bowers (Treasurer), Lois Spencer (Community Outreach), Terry Naylor (Membership), Peter Coriasco (Newsletter), Kathy Orth (Photo Show), Mike DeGiorgi (Special Events) and Lorraine Beers (SML Ballroom Dancers)

The agenda was presented for approval. Betsy moved to accept; Terry seconded. The agenda was approved.

The minutes were presented for approval. Peter moved to accept; Mike seconded. The minutes were accepted.

The treasurer's report was presented. Terry moved to accept; Peter seconded. The report was accepted.

Marty led a discussion on the need to improve our finances. She noted that the renewal letters wouldn't be going out until Oct. 1, so there was a need to conserve our resources. The option of offering sustainer donations for 2017 was discussed. JAM will need to be funded through donations or the SMAC budget, because it did not receive its anticipated grants. Discussion began on raising prices for Lakeside Singers and Special Events concerts. In one effort to save money, SMAC locked in the 2015 rate for Wild Apricot through 2016.

The nominating committee presented Kathy Orth (president), Lois Spencer (vice president) and Marty Bowers (treasurer). There currently is no secretary. The entire executive committee will be elected as will the chairs for the standing and arts committees.

Lois reported that if SMAC holds its annual meeting at the YMCA, the cost would be \$850 for the facility, \$275 for the band and \$15/person for a catered meal from Adele's. The board agreed that it lacked funds for this venue and entertainment. As a result, Lois was authorized to approach Casa d'Amici for a fixed price dinner and cash bar. Kathy moved for Lois to contract with Casa d'Amici; Betsy seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Events reported that the next concert is the Wiley concert at Trinity Dec. 11.

Whitney Brock's workshop was postponed until spring.

Anne reminded the group that the budget cycle begins in November.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46. Mike moved to adjourn; Terry seconded. The motion passed.