



Smith Mountain Arts Council Board Meeting Minutes September 18, 2020

Present: Karen DeBord, John O'Connell, Marty Bowers, Joe Yarbrough, Sherry Brown, Frank Lea, Marita Cheney, Anne Reynolds, Larry Sakayama, Anne Motley, Elaine Lee, Kathleen Rirodan, Judy Helms and Clif Collins

I. **Call to Order and Welcome** by Karen DeBord, president, at 9:30 AM via Zoom.

II. **The Agenda** was approved.

III. **Approval of August minutes:** Marita Cheney noted a correction to the minutes. The 2020 Art will have no reception and no musician. She then moved, seconded by Kathleen Riordan, that the August minutes be accepted. Approved.

IV. **Treasurer's Report:** Marty Bowers said the Year to Date Profit and Loss show a balance that includes money from last year's Art Show. The Scholarship savings account has yet to be closed out. Sherry Brown moved the report be accepted. Anne Motley seconded. Approved.

V. **Old Business:**

The Coves: Karen DeBord, Kathleen Riordan, Joe Yarbrough and Jim Mullens visited the opening event, saying it was successful and that the organizers will go ahead with the October shows. Our promoting it will increase participation and thus income for SMAC and Good Neighbors. Sherry Brown noted that SML Good Neighbors was added as a recipient. Larry Sakayama said an e-Blast had not been sent. He requested wording to be included for the next e-Blast, and Anne Reynolds offered to assist. John O'Connell cautioned SMAC's involvement with a commercial entity. Board members were evenly split on whether or not we should send out an e-Blast supporting and promoting these events. Karen DeBord said SMAC already has agreed to promote the events, and suggested the Newsletter continue to include the information but not send out an e-Blast.

VI. **New Business**

Karen DeBord announced that our bylaws state that the total SMAC membership meets annually, and at that meeting, elect the Board of Directors. The Annual meeting will be via Zoom on October 28 at 6:30 PM. The current Board, which will meet on October 16, is the Nominating Committee for next year's officers. The term of office is one year. Karen DeBord said she is willing to continue as president. Clif Collins is resigning from Secretary. Marty Bowers said that the Nominating Committee presents the slate for next year's officers at the Annual Meeting. Marita Cheney and Sherry Brown, current Art Show Coordinators, agreed that Marita Cheney would continue as the Art Show Coordinator, while Sherry Brown would be nominated for Secretary. Kathleen Rirodan then agreed to be one of the Art Show Coordinators for next year, but Sherry Brown will continue to help out. Shery Brown suggested

that Kathleen Rirodan start working now with this year's Art Show to become acquainted with the procedures. John O'Connell, who runs the SMAC Zoom account, will set up the SMAC Annual meeting via Zoom. Larry Sakayama will send out an e-Blast to all SMAC members announcing the Annual Meeting during the week of October 12th.

VII. Committee Reports

1. Art Show: Marita Cheney interviewed the Art Show judge, Ron Boehmer from Lynchburg, and she will get that information publicized. Sherry Brown said they so far have received twenty entries from adults and one from a youth. The deadline for entries is October 1. She noted that all visitors to the Show must be masked and their number limited. Marita Cheney asked Larry Sakayama to send out another e-Blast on October 25.

2. Special Events: Joe Yarbrough said the October 16th coffeehouse with the Nashville Songwriters has been canceled until next Spring. The annual Christmas Concert with David Wiley would be very involved, requiring many volunteers, with space limited to only 150 people, and higher than usual ticket price just to break even. The Board agreed to cancel the Wiley Christmas concert as a live performance. Karen DeBord wondered if the Wileys might consider recording a concert from their home on Zoom, with SMAC requesting donations. Joe Yarbrough will inquire. John O'Connell wondered about the possibility of presenting an outdoor Christmas concert with viewers remaining in their cars. Joe Yarbrough will inquire and report back.

3. Lake Writers: Judy Helms reported that they continue to meet monthly via Zoom.

4. Photo Club: John O'Connell said the Club continues to meet monthly via Zoom, offering professional speakers. A photographer from Roanoke will be offering eight weeks of training starting at the end of September.

5. JAMs: Jim Mullens' written report said that JAMs has offered lessons each Tuesday since September 1 at the Rocky Mount Farmers' Market. They have eleven students and two teachers, all wearing masks and social distancing. No singing as of yet. They will move to the Harvester beginning October 6.

6. The Notables: Sherry Brown, reporting for Carol Brewer, said that Carol Brewer and others now are singing inside Runk and Pratt.

VIII. New Business

Karen DeBord asked John O'Connell, who controls the SMAC-owned Zoom account, to set up for the next Board meeting on Zoom for October 16th at 9:30 AM

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clif Collins, Secretary