

Minutes
Smith Mountain Arts Council Board Meeting
September 15, 2017, 9:30 a.m., Trinity Parrish

Board members present: Barb Nocera, Karen DeBord, Kathy Orth, Lois Spencer, Terry Naylor, Frank Lea, Larry Sakayama, Joseph Yarbrough, Larry Sakayama, Betsy Ashton, Anne Motley.

Kathy Orth called the meeting to order and agenda was accepted (Karen moved and Betsy seconded). The minutes of the June meeting were approved. No treasurer's report as the treasurer was absent.

Information items

- The membership mailing was distributed this week (9-14-2017) which included a letter, membership form, member survey, rack card of upcoming events and a return envelope.
- The annual meeting will be October 17 at the Westlake Country Club. The evening will include cash open bar from 5-6 with a brief meeting at 6:00, followed by a buffet dinner for \$30 per person. One of the SMAC committee entertainment groups will be asked to perform.
- Larry Sakayama reported that he and Joseph Yarbrough have completed the inventory of SMAC-owned equipment. Some repairs were completed and a form for loaning equipment has been drafted.

Upcoming events

1. Panini Brothers - fundraiser for JAM – Oct. 7, Trinity
2. Bridgewater Fall Festival – Oct. 14 – Frank and Betsy will work. Tickets to the Christmas concert, the “Weekend Comedy” play, Lakeside Singer’s CDs, and SML 50th anniversary anthologies will be sold.
3. Art Show – Oct. 13-15, Bethlehem – Barb reported that the molding to hold the paintings has been installed at Bethlehem UMC. The Friday reception will feature “Good Impressions” for entertainment and Marty Bowers will cater. The judge will be Jennifer Prince (from Hollins).
4. Lake Players – “Weekend Comedy” – Oct. 20-22, 4-H Center – Rehearsals are going well and they are very pleased with the 4-H Center facility.
5. November coffeehouse – Cancelled

6. Holiday concert with David Wiley and family – Dec. 1 at Resurrection Catholic.
Tickets are on sale for \$20, 17 and \$10.

Old business

- SMAC's 30th anniversary – Betsy and Barb have ideas but are not chairing the work. The Lake Writers are proposing an anthology and there was a suggestion to ask each affiliate and committee what they would like to propose to honor the 30th anniversary of SMAC.
- **Affiliate Policy.** A motion passed that Affiliates must pay \$25 annually to receive the newsletter, be listed on the website, and borrow SMAC equipment. They will NOT benefit (as committees do) from ticket sales not other SMAC benefits. Frank Lea will contact each affiliate to inform them of this new policy.
- Board position – Joseph Yarborough has agreed to be the production manager for major SMAC performances to manage stage set up, lighting and sound equipment. He will contact the chairs of each committee throughout the season to assess their needs.
- Coffeeshouses – Three coffee house events will be planned for Spring. With no venue, the Fall one is cancelled. Venues under consideration include Mariner's Landing (Heath's), Carillion (new community room), Westlake Country Club, Bernard's Landings and the 4-H Center. The Songwriters and Susan Greenbaum were suggested as return entertainers.

New business

In January, the Board will work on a SMAC handbook to include (some of) the following:

History of SMAC

Job descriptions

Bylaws

Affiliate definitions

Committee definitions and committee listing

Board members

Annual meeting information

If the handbook is placed on the website as a PDF, it can also be hard copied as a notebook. If there is information that must be secured, then a PW may be considered.

Arts Standing Committee Reports

- Lakeside Singers- Melia Garber will be the new director for 2018.
- Lake Players – Preparing for their October 20-22 "Weekend Comedy" show.
- Lake Writers- Book launch party Sept 17 at Betsy Ashton's home. Linda K. Simmons is editing an anthology for the 30th anniversary of SMAC and will be published by Snowy Day publications.

- B Sharps – Performed recently at Runk & Pratt. John O’Connell is new lead person for B#s.
- Noteables – No report
- Art show – There are 27 entries so far for the October 13-15 show. Need people to help check in artwork on Thursday and monitor the paintings on Saturday and Sunday.
- Photo show – no report
- SML Photo Club – For the month of September the photo club has an exhibit in the Moneta library. The club has taken and will continue to take photo outings.

Administrative Committee Reports

- Educational outreach/JAM - JAM- 20 kids enrolled this year.

October 7, the Panini Brothers will be playing a benefit concert for the JAM program.

--Membership – Terry reported a few membership renewals

--PR/Communications – Larry is working with Will Nocera on the brochure revision. Please send descriptions to Larry Sakayama if you are a committee lead.

--Newsletter – No report

--Scholarships – No report

--Community Relations – Frank will contact all affiliates regarding the new policy.

- Special Events- Currently seeing a chair. Joseph may consider this position after the first of the year.

Next meeting date – October 20 at Trinity..

The Board adjourned at 11:20 am.