



## Smith Mountain Arts Council

**Location:** Virtually via ZOOM

**Date:** December 18, 2020

**Attendees:** Karen DeBord, Marty Bowers, Marita Cheney, Frank Lea, Larry Sakayama, Rich Miller, Elaine Lee, Joe Yarborough, Betsy Ashton, Kathleen Riordan, Anne Motley, Peter Coriasco, Anne Renolds, Kathy Orth

**Time:** 9:30 AM **Adjourn:** 10:30ish AM

### Agenda items

- I. Unanimous acceptance of Agenda
- II. Approval of November 20, 2020 Minutes (Motley, Cheney)

#### OLD BUSINESS

- III. **Treasurer's Report** by Marty Bowers; The donation from the Coves was increased from \$100 to \$250. The \$6,000 from SMAC's PayPal account was deposited into SMAC's business account. Finance report was accepted by Peter Coriasco and Rich Miller.
- IV. Joe Yarborough discussed the Christmas Concert link for David Wiley's performance which was available on PBS with four show times during the holiday week. This was available through public television with no cost to SMAC.
- V. Larry Sakayama sent out an email blast which included David Wiley's concert information and also a link to purchase a viewing of the Richmond Ballet's Nutcracker. Larry included some great pictures for those links, it was well done. Great team effort by Joe and Larry.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### I. Karen; Instrumental Round Table

Karen gave a beautiful video demonstration of her Petrophone for SMAC's YouTube channel discussing the unique ways in which slate stone can be used to carry a note. The tone of the note is changed according to the size of the slate.

We now have 22 pieces on SMAC tube available to viewers.

##### II. Betsy Ashton; Artist in Residence Program

Betsy will be leaving SMAC in the near future and is looking for a Champion to take on this Artist in Residence Program. Betsy outlined several key points of the program to include:

- This would be a learning program geared toward Jr high or high school students.
- Participants would be required to write/create /paint some work of their own as a direct response to teacher's tutorial.
- The program could be 4-6 weeks long with art supplies provided by SMAC.

During Covid times this could be handled virtually, with the intent for this program to be in person post-Covid and security clearances required for instructors. Considering teachers in this position are generally paid

\$1,000-\$3,000, SMAC can expect these costs. This program would be considered a “Public-Private Partnership”.

Kathy Riordan asked if this would be supplemental to a program already in existence at a school.

Judy expressed concerns about the commitment from students and the program being amateurish. She also expressed that online learning is very demanding of student's time.

Joe suggested that Betsy put a plan together and propose to students to see if there is interest.

Betsy Aston, Marita Cheney and Kathleen Riordan will get together to discuss this program further, i.e.: define criteria, define job description.

**Karen: Partnering with local personalities to represent SMAC and give us more presence in the community.** David Stuart Wiley and David Baldacci were mentioned as possible candidates

The need for an updated SMAC flyer was discussed with plans to distribute them through the Visitors Center, Realtors to distribute to residents new to Smith Mt Lake. They can also be distributed through the SML Newcomer group. The consideration is that we can build the bulk of membership who will learn more about our group. Those who offer expertise in particular areas can then be brought into leadership positions.

### III COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **ART SHOW**- No news to report.
2. **NEWSLETTER**- Items due to Peter in late December.
3. **SPECIAL EVENTS**- “Nada” from Joe
4. **Lake Players**-None
5. **Lake Side Singers**-None
6. **Lake Writers** Betsy confirmed that they do not teach writing but instead critique each other's work.
7. **PHOTO CLUB**- Rich Miller reports the photo club continues to have meetings with good training on Software Programs, Power Point presentations. They had instruction on photographing meteor showers and the Christmas Star. The Photography Club continues to be a great educational club for both professional photographers and hobbyists alike.
8. **PHOTO SHOW**-Elaine reports Photo Show is “getting the ball rolling.” Anne Reynolds requested to be kept in the loop.
9. **Frank** reported that the best advertisement is word of mouth and corrected his phone number: 919-864-1328

No other reports were shared. Meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting: January 15 (or 22?), 9:30 AM via ZOOM.**

Respectfully submitted, Marita Cheney