



Smith Mountain Arts Council Annual Meeting Minutes October 28, 2020

Twenty-one Arts Council members were present.

I. **Call to Order and Welcome** by Karen DeBord, president, at 6:30 PM via Zoom, after Larry Sakayama played guitar and sang for fifteen minutes. Karen DeBord announced that the meeting will continue with an Arts Trivia Contest, the Annual Report, Election of Board of Directors Officers, and an Open Mic session.

II. **A Zoom Explanation** was presented by Sherry Brown, and **The Arts Trivia Contest** was designed by Anne Reynolds. The Trivia winner was Kathy Orth.

III. Annual Membership Meeting

IV. **Acceptance of 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes:** Secretary Clif Collins asked for any additions or corrections to last year's minutes. Hearing none, Kathy Orth moved, seconded by Betsy Ashton, that the minutes be accepted. Approved.

V. **Treasurer's Report:** In Marty Bowers' absence, Karen DeBord reported that as of September 30, 2020, we now have in the savings account is \$20,100.56. The net income for the year ended with a negative balance of -\$474.76. Kathy Orth said that was a good amount, considering we have collected no dues for next year. Sandra Richardson moved, seconded by Anne Reynolds, that the report be accepted. Phil Sheridan requested more information, which was provided by Joe Yarbrough, and Karen DeBord projected the full written report on the Zoom screen. John O'Connell explained further. The motion was approved.

I. **President's Annual Report:** Karen DeBord said that after the virus lockdown, SMAC started the YouTube Channel. There was more use of social media this year and we stepped up our use of our website and Facebook page. We now have 325 members and affiliates, and we have forgiven their membership dues for the coming year. Our only event since the shutdown was the Art Show, which was beautifully run by Sherry Brown and Marita Cheney. The Show had 53 artists, including several youth. One hundred and thirty-four pieces of art were presented. The attendance was over 150 people, who maintained social distance and wore masks. This successful show had spectacular works of art. It has received great press coverage.

Last year's youth artist Hanna Grove, a winner of a Youth Award at last year's Art Show was a scholarship winner this year. Also, a youth artist won this year's Peoples' Choice Award. Our youth are doing very well.

Photo Club and Lake Writers continue to meet regularly via Zoom. The Writers may be producing another Anthology. SMAC "Weekly Distractions" will be beginning soon, featuring anything that has to do with the arts. JAMs continues to give lessons to about ten masked students. SMAC Tube continues. Submit your entries to Karen DeBord.

VII. **Ballot for SMAC Board of Directors for the coming year was presented:** Betsy Ashton, Marty Bowers, Carol Brewer, Sheridan Brown, Marita Cheney, Peter Coriasco, Karen DeBord, Judith Helms, Larry Helms, Frank Lea, Elaine Lee, Anne Notley, Jim Mullens, John O'Connell, Katheryn Orth, Anne Reynolds, Kathleen Rirodan, Larry Sakayama, Joe Yarbrough. No nominations were presented from the

floor. Kathy Orth moved, seconded by Betsy Ashton, that members vote on the total ballot as a group. Approved. For voting on the ballot for board members, with a few abstentions, the ballot was approved.

VIII. Ballot for the Executive Directors for the coming year: Karen DeBord, president, Kathy Orth, vice president, Sheridan Brown, secretary and Marty Bowers, treasurer. No nominations were presented by other board members. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Business Meeting was adjourned.

Open Mic – Karen DeBord asked for suggestions from the floor for the board to consider: Kathy Orth expressed amazement that we got through the year as well as we did – especially the Art Show. She also said we were improving on using media. Joe Yarbrough said we had to cancel the one Special Events concert that we had scheduled, but with virus restrictions in place, it is not feasibly possible to produce Coffeehouse events at this time. Betsy Ashton encouraged us to consider producing month long in-residence programs in area schools with artists, musicians and writers. It could be done through Zoom, and we should discuss it as a future possibility. Phil Sheridan asked if all schools would be included in the in-residence programs. Kathy Orth noted that traditionally we include schools that are located in the three counties around the Lake whose districts touch the Lake, including private schools and home schools.

Thank you: President Karen DeBord expressed her appreciation for all those in attendance and for their support of the Arts Council Smith Mountain Lake.

Respectfully submitted,

Clif Collins, secretary