



**Smith Mountain Arts Council Board Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2020**

Present: Karen DeBord, John O'Connell, Joe Yarbrough, Sherry Brown, Frank Lea, Marita Cheney, Anne Reynolds, Larry Sakayama, Elaine Lee, Kathleen Rirodan, Kathy Orth, Betsy Ashton and Clif Collins

I. Call to Order and Welcome by Karen DeBord, president, at 9:40 AM via Zoom. She thanked John O'Connell for obtaining the link.

II. The Agenda was approved.

III. September minutes: Marita Cheney moved, seconded by Joe Yarbrough, that the Minutes be accepted. Approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report: In Marty Bowers' absence, Karen DeBord reported that the treasurer had sent two financial reports and the balance sheet. To date we have a positive balance of \$474 for the year. Betsy Ashton moved, seconded Larry Sakayama, that the Report be accepted. Approved

V. Old Business:

The Coves: Joe Yarbrough said the organizers were moving the October 11 event to October 31. The tent show was moved to this coming weekend because of the weather. SMAC is no longer listed as a beneficiary.

VI. New Business

Nominating Committee: All current officers, except for secretary Clif Collins, agreed to stay on in their current positions for another year. Kathy Orth reminded us that some Board members need to be reelected. Then, that Board elects the officers. Sherry Brown agreed to run for Board secretary since Marita Cheney and Kathleen Rirodan will coordinate next year's Art Show. Karen DeBord will send a Board list from the minutes from last year's Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting: Karen DeBord said Anne Reynolds will send out a "Save the Date" announcement for the Annual Meeting on October 20, 23, 27, 28 and will send to Larry Sakayama. Sherry Brown asked if we could get a guest speaker for the meeting. Maybe send Anne Reynolds "Trivia" questions about the Arts. Larry Sakayama offered to play guitar and sing for 15 minutes beforehand. Suggested timeline: Music from Larry Sakayama; Call to Order; Trivia; Presidents Report; Elections; Open Mic. Sherry Brown said to use Zoom for voting by the membership.

VII. Committee Reports

1. Art Show: Karen DeBord suggested the Art Show Team create a power point of highlights of the Art Show to have available for a later showing. Marita Cheney said the Show will be held the following Saturday and Sunday. The art works are to arrive Tuesday for posting. On Friday, Show winners will be posted on Facebook, and the winners will be announced Friday evening on Facebook. Fifty three artists have submitted 134 pieces. Sherry Brown will send Betsy Ashton the names of the winners for posting on the SMAC website on Sunday. Marita Cheney said the Show was going to be phenomenal. Marita Cheney and Sherry Brown were thanked for all their hard work for the past year on the Show.

2. Special Events: Joe Yarbrough said the Wiley Christmas Show will not happen this year. According to David Wiley, the orchestra's Holiday Strings Show in Roanoke possibly could be videoed then sent to us for a SMAC showing. More information will follow. Karen DeBord said he should know that we cannot afford more than a couple of hundred dollars for the video. Larry Sakayama suggested we ask viewers to make donations. John O'Connell said SMAC has the money, and we should offer this as a gift to the community. Karen DeBord said to set an upper limit of the amount we would pay, then combine that with the donations received. Joe Yarbrough said we will wait until we hear more from David Wiley.

3. Lake Writers: Betsy Ashton said that most of their meetings are held on Zoom. The Writers now have a private Facebook Group for active members. They are hosting a monthly Flash-Fiction workshop for members only. Many members are participating in a 7-week workshop on Short Stories. Perhaps they will make an Anthology out of the workshop results. Of the 45 members of the Lake Writers, 15 remain active.

4. Photo Club: John O'Connell said a member of the Roanoke Camera Club is presenting an 8-week workshop. The Photo Club continues to have monthly meetings.

VIII. New Business

John O'Connell offered a suggestion that SMAC present to its members a **Daily Distraction**, following the Woodturners Club's practice of sending its members eblast of something of interest each day. Karen DeBord said she would help with media management to help people find media links. Betsy Aston said we should do weekly Distractions rather than daily. Sherry Brown offered the possibility of putting up artsy Distractions. John O'Connell volunteered to get us started. Larry Sakayama said that for eblasts to send the information directly to him. Use Sherry Brown for Facebook and Anne Reynolds for Instagram. Joe Yarbrough said there should be a leader for this effort. Larry Sakayama will ask Songwriters and Luthiers to make videos about making guitars and canoes. John O'Connell will ask the Photo Club. Marita Cheney will interview Art Show winners. Betsy Ashton will ask the Lake Writers if they want to be interviewed. John O'Connell will set up Zoom for live interviews. Betsy Ashton will do her own.

Kathy Orth said there was not much activity to report on **Membership**. She is receiving Thank You Notes from members expressing appreciation for SMAC's extending their membership free for one year. Sherry Brown said the Art Show generated three new members.

The **Next SMAC Board meeting** will be on November 20 at 9:30 AM.

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clif Collins, Secretary