



# Smith Mountain Arts Council

**Location:** Virtually via ZOOM

**Date:** January 15, 2021

**Attendees:** Karen DeBord, Marty Bowers, Marita Cheney, Frank Lea, Larry Sakayama, Joe Yarborough, Betsy Ashton, Kathleen Riordan, Anne Motley, Kathy Orth, Jim Mullins

**Time:** 9:32 AM **Adjourn:** 10:20 AM

## Agenda items

- I. Unanimous acceptance of Agenda
- II. Approval of December 2020 Minutes (Brown, Ashton)
- III. Treasurer's Report by Marty Bowers (Cheney, Mullens)

## OLD BUSINESS

- I. **ART DISTRACTIONS:** Gratitude extended to Larry and popularly received in community. Will continue.
- II. **ARTIST IN RESIDENCE:** tabled until next meeting
- III. **NEW BROCHURE:** 500 printed and paid for. Distribution at various places, groups and social media was discussed.

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**COMMITTEES**  
**Special Events**  
Regular concerts and coffeehouse shows  
**Lake Players**  
Annual productions, readings, and performances with on stage and backstage opportunities  
**Lakeside Singers**  
A 50 voice community show choir producing one show per year  
**Lake Writers**  
Helping local writers improve their skills  
**Annual Art Show**  
Awards presented in six categories and best in show  
**Annual Photo Show**  
Awards presented in eight categories and best in show  
**SML Photo Club**  
Monthly meetings and frequent photo outings for photographers at all skill levels  
**Jr. Appalachian Musicians**  
Supporting youth learning Appalachian musical instruments and songs  
**Notables and B's**  
Sharing music in nursing homes and retirement facilities  
**Scholarships**  
Annual scholarship awards for college bound students

**Get Involved**

**AFFILIATES**  
Ball Knob Artists  
Bower Center for the Arts  
Friends of the Moneta & SML Libraries  
Harmeners  
Harvester Performance Center  
Let's Dance Band  
SML Steel Drum Band  
SML Woodturners  
SW Virginia Songwriters  
Bedford Little Town Players  
Westlake Singers

For over 30 years the Smith Mountain Arts Council (SMAC) has been the source for the arts in the Smith Mountain Lake community. We foster participation in and enjoyment of visual, performing, and literary arts. The organization is dedicated to promoting every genre of the arts - from taking photographs and creating artwork to writing and presenting musical and theatrical performances. There are opportunities for individuals to display artwork, sing, act, write and develop creative skills.

**Create, Celebrate, Connect**

The Smith Mountain Arts Council (SMAC) brings together the arts and the communities surrounding Smith Mountain Lake. It fosters participation in and enjoyment of the visual, performing and literary arts. It is committed to educational outreach.

**Create:** SMAC provides a platform for area residents to express their creativity. Through its activities and affiliates, it encourages people with similar interests to come together and support each other. It nurtures educational programs to provide opportunities for students to unlock their creativity.

**Celebrate:** SMAC activities bring people together to celebrate the arts and interact with artists.

**Connect:** SMAC connects the arts with the community and attracts visitors from surrounding areas. It helps make the arts accessible to everyone.

Facebook, YouTube, Instagram icons

## NEW BUSINESS

- I. **Karen:** Chamber request for SMAC presentation to new Leadership Council February 3, 2:30 PM at Eastlake Church
- II. **Engaging New Members Discussion:** Joe suggested a Virtual Forum of various artists. Perhaps using personalities at the Lake. A subcommittee will meet January 19 (Karen, Betsy, Marita, Sherry) Marita also proposed the idea of a SMAC Plein Air group to be started in March.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **ART SHOW**- No news to report.
2. **NEWSLETTER**- No news to report.
3. **SPECIAL EVENTS**- No news to report.
4. **Lake Players**- No news to report.
5. **Lake Side Singers**- No news to report.
6. **Lake Writers** Betsy confirmed that the group continues to meet virtually twice a month and have recruited new members
7. **JAM-begins again January 21 with 8 students and 2 teachers-COVID concerns preventing a fuller participation.**
8. **PHOTO CLUB**- Rich Miller reports that the meeting was well attended on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January for our monthly photography club meeting. We were pleased to have David Johnson there who is a well-known landscape photographer give a presentation about Contemplative Landscape Photography. He also provided a link to members to download a free e-book on landscape photography by David. We also reviewed many fine pictures in various categories. Our next meeting will be 1<sup>st</sup> of February with categories on Best, B&W, and the theme of ice. All interested parties are welcome to join our meetings. New or advanced photographers, we welcome all skill levels to join in on the fun.
9. **PHOTO SHOW**-Kathy reported a judge has been secured for the April 24-25, 2021 Show, Jerome Storm. The show will be held at BUMC.
10. **Membership**- Kathy reported new address changes have been made.
11. **Scholarships**- Schools have been notified for available SMAC Scholarships to area schools for 2021.

No other reports were shared. Meeting adjourned.

**OTHER:** Marty congratulated Marita on her art show at the Moneta Library and cited a link in Smith Mountain Eagle, [https://www.smithmountaineagle.com/news/article\\_11d2e1ea-5530-11eb-b985-8belfadc51c1.html](https://www.smithmountaineagle.com/news/article_11d2e1ea-5530-11eb-b985-8belfadc51c1.html)

**Next meeting: February 19, 2021 9:30 AM via ZOOM.**

Respectfully submitted, Sheridan Brown