

Mother Lode Art Association Board Meeting

Monday, November 21, 2022

The MLAA Board meeting was called together by John Sharum at 11:02 am at Tuolumne County Library Meeting Room at 480 Greenley Road in Sonora.

Board Members Present: Maureen Carden, Linda Happel, Rana Ford, Jean Dakota and John Sharum. Kate Crist (upcoming Treasurer/ Membership chair called in from the hospital with a broken arm). MLAA new member Renee Lambert also attended. Marilyn Zinner and Jamie Showers came later.

Discussion on Bi-Laws: Renee reported: The goal to updating the bi-laws is to meet CA State regulations for 501 c 3. Renee will present the bi-laws at a general meeting for approval of the membership.

She recommended:

1. that MLAA have someone in charge of the calendar (multiple “admins” to access and add to the calendar).
2. a “G Mail” account for MLAA (Maureen will meet with Renee about creating this account).
3. a sheet with job descriptions of all Board Members and Committee Chairs.
4. Need a subcommittee to work on the bi-laws (2 – 3 people) with Renee heading the subcommittee. John will announce the need for help in getting the bi-laws in shape today in the General Meeting. Will aim for this task to be completed by early 2023.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Luisa moved, and Linda seconded a motion to approve the October 17 Board meeting minutes. The motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Lorna reported:

Financial Summary to Oct 30, 2022	
Checking Account:	\$11,464.36
<u>Savings Balance:</u>	<u>\$ 3,201.02</u>
Grand Total	\$14,665.38

It was suggested that in January, 2023, MLAA should consider investing some of the money.

School Funding for Art: Various speakers:

- John stated that CA regulations require that 90% of funds raised by the Art Show Raffle need to be donated in the year received. So MLAA need to write a check(s) to the schools for approximately \$1,500 before the end of 2022.
- Lorna will begin to write checks to the schools, the first school being Dario Cassina High School at Lake Don Pedro; she will call the principals to determine how to address the “pay to” portion of the check.
- Renee recommended that we get a receipt from the schools for the larger donations.

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- John agreed to write a cover letter to accompany the checks.
- Linda moved and Jean seconded a motion to donate \$3,309.00 to the schools immediately (before end of year), motion passed.
- Louisa reported that the effort to identify schools that need money for art supplies/ materials (not teacher salaries) began in July/ August with school applications due on October 30. So far, she has received only 5 applicants the applications for grants for school funding and none from Sonora HS or Summerville HS. Louisa will contact the high schools to inquire why they did not submit for funds.
- Rana suggested that the words “qualified schools” be dropped for the applications. The present wording might discourage schools from applying.

From the Nov 17 meeting: Linda and John will give Laurie Livingston a calendar of days for other activities to occur on stage during the show. The hope is that activities on stage will be a draw to get folks to the show in addition to the art. Laurie offered to assist in organizing activities on stage. Monique will have the applications live on the Visitor’s Bureau website for artists to sign up.

At the October meeting someone offered the suggestion that we should try to better define the student show. A big poster could be used for the student art show to get folks to the library for the student show. One suggestion was that the students could create their own poster.

Art Show April 8 - 16, 2023: Various Speakers:

- The list of candidates to be presented at the General meeting will include John for President, Monica Shatner for V.P., Jean for Secretary, and Kate Crist for Treasurer/ Membership. John will also ask for any nominations from the floor. MLAA needs a nominating committee and chair. Jamie Showers and Marilyn Zinner agreed to help.
- Marty is working on the Prospectus for artists to enter online.
- Rana suggested to give artist materials away at the show.
- Linda needs help with donations and grants (needs a co-chair), and publicity. Jean had agreed to assist Linda as a temporary co-chair. At the Nov 17 meeting, Kate Narron suggested that she could get high school performing arts students involved to help with community service hours (required for graduation) and possible senior projects related to event planning. A meeting at ALOFT was set up for Tues, Dec 6 to discuss with Kate and Linda.

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- The 2023 art show judges will be Carolyn MacPherson and Andrea Morris. The judges will jury both the adult show and the student show.
- John suggested that MLAA write a grant for the Sonora Area Foundation to get money to buy more panels and hangers. MLAA has 36 panels. TCA has 26 or 28 panels. In addition to the 36 panels, MLAA used 20 of the TCA panels at the 2022 art show. These 20 panels would be replaced by 20 panels to be purchased by MLAA.
- John suggested that the additional panels be stored in the ALOFT Gallery mezzanine. Jean took a look at the space to determine if the loft area can support the weight of additional panels. A rough estimated suggested that the panels presently stored there (36 fabric wrapped sections) weigh just over 500 pounds. Jean stated that an additional 20 panels would not compromise the structural integrity of the mezzanine but that they would need to be positioned near the stairwell.
- John reported that the presenter for the January 2023 meeting will be Joy Willow. Presenters will be needed for Feb – June 2023.

MSP, it was moved, seconded and motion passed to adjourn at 12:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Dakota,

Secretary, Mother Lode Art Association