

# Mother Lode Art Association Board Meeting

## Monday, May 15, 2023

The MLAA Board meeting was called together by John Sharum at 11:00 am at Tuolumne County Library Meeting Room at 480 Greenley Road in Sonora.

**Board Members Present:** Monika Stattner, Maureen Carden, Linda Happel, Jean Dakota, and John Sharum. Others present: Malcolm Carden, Louisa King and Rana Ford.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** It was moved and seconded to approve the April 17 Board meeting minutes with the following correction: Art sales were \$8,820.00 (and not \$10,348.92). The motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:** John reported that Malcolm Carden has agreed to accept the position of interim treasurer to end in January, 2024. Jean moved and Monika seconded a motion to accept Malcolm with a Board Resolution. Motion passed unanimously. (This will require a trip to Umpqua Bank for signature cards to add Malcolm as treasurer to the Umpqua Bank checking account.)

As of the end of March there was \$9,659 in checking and \$3,200 in the savings account.

**68<sup>th</sup> annual MLAA Fine Art Show and Exhibition:** Various speakers:

- A. John reported that Alexa is leaving the ALOFT Gallery; Connie Cassinetta is taking her place. The discussion centered on the history of the ALOFT (under the umbrella of MLAA, dba as ALOFT). ALOFT makes money from art space rent / art sales and provides liability insurance for MLAA. There was general discussion of the financial accounting between ALOFT and MLAA. ALOFT is considering changing their fiscal year from May 1<sup>st</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>. MLAA will do a better job of coordinating and reporting between MLAA and ALOFT.
- B. Linda reported that work on the Play Book/ Road Map for the 2024 art show is ongoing. This document will include compilation of data from the 2023 art show, identify committees and duties of each committee needed to accomplish this work, and recommendations for improvement.
- C. Linda reported that MLAA has paid half of the fees for renting the Opera Hall in 2024; the MLAA part of the rent will cover April 9 – 14 (Tuesday thru Sunday) and the City of Sonora is covering costs for the extension of the show to include Art Week April 15 – 21. (In 2024 Easter occurs on March 31.)

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- D. Linda reported that Susan Fry will donate a painting for the 2023 show since she won the Best of Show in 2023.
- E. It was suggested to contact corporate donors in December 2023 so they can budget for 2024. Thank you notes are being sent to donors, some done but not all completed.
- F. It was suggested that on stage activities be included in the Play Book / Road Map.
- G. It was suggested that before the June meeting MLAA meet with the TCA school liaison to formulate a plan for the distribution of funds to the schools. It would be advisable to coordinate their efforts with the MLAA efforts.
- H. John reported that Cheyenne from Wild Bud will conduct the demonstration for the June meeting. He will announce at the general meeting today that MLAA needs a Program Chair to find presenters for the general meetings.
- I. John reported that the Habitat for Humanity Art Auction will be held at the Sonora Inn. They have sent MLAA a letter requesting donations. We will make this information available to MLAA artists.

It was moved, seconded and passed to adjourn. The meeting concluded at 12:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jean Dakota,  
Secretary, Mother Lode Art Association