

July 10, 2006 Friends of the Multi Arts Board Meeting

Eleven people were present at the meeting:

Mike Smolen, Hannah Barbara Fulton, Karen Dean, Sherrill Lewis, Marjorie Hammer, Sue Baker, Lynn Schwartz, Judy Laine, Earline Strom, Debi Maehs, and Valerie Vencill

The meeting was called to order by President Debi Maehs.

The minutes for the June 12th and May 8th meetings were read individually. A change to the June 12 minutes was Karen volunteered to do one newsletter prior to annual meetings. Lynn motioned for the minutes to be accepted with the changes to the June 12th minutes. Claire seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Karen gave the treasury report. The balance is \$1764.29. There was income from a membership fee plus a donation of \$7.50. There was one expense of \$5.38 for Kinko copies to Debi Maehs.

Earline will be keeping the new membership slips and information. She will give Mike the new member information to put on the web.

Hannah gave a report on the by-laws. Typographical errors were pointed out and changes made. Judy moved final by-laws be accepted. Sherrill seconded the motion. All approved. The committee will work on the operational procedures this month. Hannah felt they would be ready by the next meeting.

Judy and Claire are still working on the brochures.

Judy discussed 4 grant opportunities. CREC would be to help fund education. Target in Edmond does cover our area but there is no money left at this time. This might work for next summer.

Hannah suggested that we should form a committee to help apply for grants so that not all of the work would fall to Judy. People on the contact list who signed up to help with grants will be contacted. We need to keep Jessica involved. Mike made a motion to form a committee and begin to apply for a grant from CREC, but wanted to make sure that Friends of Multi kept control of the money. Earline seconded the motion. Before the floor could vote, Lynn expressed a concern that we are premature to apply for grants. Judy felt the same. Hannah suggested we still form a committee to do more grant research. Judy would be the committee head. All were in favor.

Karen will be in charge of our newsletter.

Mike gave us updates on the website. We cannot tell who and how many are looking at our site. There is not much feedback. We also need more artists' profiles. Karen suggested in the first newsletter and at the general meeting we could convey this information. Debi will send the May and June minutes to Mike for the website.

Next the membership meeting for September was discussed. Lynn suggested a mixer party would be good along with a business meeting. This would be a good time for a membership drive. Hannah reminded us that the Sept. meeting should just be for fun. Karen felt that a social meeting should be in coordination with the opening of the gift gallery. The Oct. meeting could be a membership meeting and maybe a talk by an artist so people can feel they got something out of the meeting. Lynn felt that Sept. would be a good time for a membership launch-have a potluck dinner and a good time before football season, etc. Hannah encouraged a membership meeting committee be formed. She also felt that the 24th of September after our board meeting on the 11th would be a good time for the general meeting. This is a Sun., and we could start at 1:00 p.m.

Sherrill said the gallery opening should be a nice dress and finger food affair. We need to talk to Jessica concerning this. Mike made a motion to come up with a committee for the membership meeting. A new

member present at this meeting, Valerie Vencill, said she would volunteer. Helen would also be willing to be on the committee. Judy will chair. Sue said she would help.

Judy will be giving a presentation at the AARP meeting about Multi.

The meeting was adjourned.