

January 22, 2007 Friends of Multi—Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President, Belinda Butler. Members present were Belinda Butler, Mark Gregory, Terry Miller, Earline Strom, David Lewis, Susan Oliver, Sara Chappell, Staci Willis, Helen Jordan, Lynn Schwartz, Gary Spencer, Carol Fincher, Sue Baker, and Marjorie Hammer. Lou Hale, Mary Frye, and Jessica Novak were also present.

December minutes were read. Helen motioned to accept the minutes, and Lynn seconded the motion. All were in favor. Next month Marjorie will send minutes to members one week prior to the monthly meeting. Belinda will make sure Lynn gets a copy.

Sue was not able to make a treasurer's report. She still has not received records from past treasurer, Karen Dean.

Under old business, Helen, Carol, and Claire were contacting everyone on last year's membership list. There had been 105 members. So far, Helen has found there are 43 paid members at present. Some people may have signed in at Multi that Helen does not yet know about. She did not know how many Claire and Carol have confirmed. Belinda decided to discuss membership again next month when we may have a more accurate total.

People can be sent to the Multi Arts Center to sign up for Friends. Belinda will get a bank envelope to Jessica to keep the dues in.

Some members present felt that there was not enough contact with the general membership last year. It was decided we should send letters to inform everyone of upcoming meetings, the Arts and Heritage Festival, and any other pertinent information, as well as a membership form. Belinda will draft the letter, and Staci will "spice" it up. Then a draft of the letter will be emailed to board members for approval before mailing it out.

Discussion of "Standing Committees" will be shelved until February, when we will have more information about the total membership.

Discussing the 501C3 status, Belinda pointed out that Friends must be committed to all the legalities involved. For one thing, we would have to file tax returns. Lou said that Parks and Recreation already had 501C3. Belinda thought Friends might be able to "piggy back" under Parks and Recreation, and she will get an outline of responsibilities involved. Belinda and Lou will look at the umbrella option, and let the board know what they found at the next meeting. Also, Terry will talk to John about this matter.

Earline feels we need a newsletter to keep people informed. Staci said that Claire had talked to the girl who had won the logo contest, and she said we could use the logo. Belinda asked Staci and Claire to get together on the brochure. Judy has the electronic brochure, and the logo can be added to that.

Concerning public relations, Friends does not have a standing public relations committee until we are certain of our membership. Lou talked about the video made by Joe Ong and how wonderful it is for clubs and meetings. She has used it at speaking engagements and so has Jessica. Mary Frye said it had been used at a Parks and Rec. meeting, and it was very well received. Perhaps it could be used on Channel 31. OSHA Life Long Learning Inst. has lunches in February and would be a good place to start public relations. Belinda will call Christie Morrison. Sara may be able to implement a program. Sororities would also be good contacts.

The last item under "old business" was the Arts and Heritage Festival. Jessica needs help to jury. Staci volunteered. The deadline is February 23rd for entries. The jury needs to meet soon after. Email Jessica if anyone is interested. Two are needed for the jury, and three are needed for judging. Last year, professors from OSU were judges. Each judge is paid \$100.00.

Earline brought up the subject of purchase awards. Some people still do not understand this concept. Earline will give more information about this at the next meeting, and the board will decide if we want to implement the awards at this Heritage Festival.

Jessica also needs volunteers to help the artists, deliver water and fruit, supplies, etc. at the Festival. She also needs someone before the Festival to go to businesses for donations.

Under new business, Gary Spencer and others have had concerns about loss of teachers for Multi. Teacher pay could be the problem, as well as not enough advertising for classes that are offered. He has done considerable research on this subject and provided a handout and a lot of information on this topic. There was a discussion among members about putting together a “fact finding” committee. It was decided to table further discussion until the February meeting.

Staci motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Lynn seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.