

## February 19, 2007 Friends of Multi Arts Board Meeting

President, Belinda Butler called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Those present were as follows: Sue Baker, Helen Jordan, Terry Miller, Gary Spencer, Mildred Carroll, Lynn Schwartz, Earline Strom, Sara Chappell, Bob Davis, Claire Zevnik-Cline, Sherrill Lewis, Susan Oliver, Judy Laine, Belinda Butler, Staci Willis, Mike Smolen, Mark Gregory, Dave Lewis, and Marjorie Hammer. Also present were Jessica Novak and Michael Hammer.

Minutes from January were read. Change made was that Lynn Schwartz had volunteered to either judge or jury for the Arts and Heritage Festival. Mike Smolen moved to accept the minutes as changed. Sue Baker seconded the motion.

Treasurer, Sue Baker, is still unable to give a treasurer's report. She, Karen Dean, and Debi Mayes need to go into the bank and sign. Belinda also needs to go. Karen did not keep copies of deposits made. The balance of the account is \$1864.54, and there is \$100.00 to deposit from new memberships. There was discussion about whether the report needed to be voted on and accepted by the membership. It was decided we needed to check the by-laws. Dave Lewis made the motion that the board tables voting until we have a full and accurate treasury report. Lynn seconded the motion.

Sue asked for clarification about mailing receipts and membership cards to new members. Jessica said she was willing to do the receipts and cards here if the person came into Multi to sign up. Otherwise, Sue will have to use the mail. We do not have stamps and have noted there is no budget for stamps. We do not have a budget. A check may be used as a receipt. If cash is given then something written on a slip of paper can be used until Sue can send a real receipt.

A 'Finance Committee' was organized with Sue Baker as chairperson. Terry Miller, Mark Gregory, and Belinda will be on this committee. They need to develop a budget.

Members present shared their reasons for wanting to be involved with Friends of Multi. Most said that outreach was their biggest concern and reason for joining. Increasing teacher pay was also of concern.

Belinda has met with Jim Scott and John McLendon from the Parks and Recreation Dept. She found out from them that there will be no increase for teacher pay from the department. This is an area where Friends will have to find a way to help. Jessica said that a proposal has been sent to Human Resources to raise teacher pay to \$9.04/hour. Now it is up to Human Resources to approve the increase and tell Jessica when it can go into effect. The raise might occur in May or possibly the next fiscal year which begins in July.

Belinda also found that Parks and Rec. does not have 501C3. To apply for grants to help with pay we must have 501C3. We need to begin by having a lawyer look at our by-laws. The board also needs feedback from standing committees to get anything done.

All members agree that membership is a very important issue. Helen Jordan said there are 51 registered members. Belinda has sent out 108 newsletters that include a membership application. She feels that even though we do not yet have membership numbers up, the board needs to form standing committees to help get things done.

Mildred thought that if we could tie a new members' meeting into a gallery opening like we had the first time, more people may come. Claire suggested having members invited to openings. Jessica said there will be a new gallery exhibit/opening each month.. Belinda thought we could inform members by newsletters. Mike felt we need to establish the membership standing committee.

Under 'old business' newsletters and brochures were discussed. Staci and Bob will work on new newsletters. Judy took 25 brochures to City Hall, and there are only 25 current brochures left.

Sarah Chappell, "Speaker's Bureau", has been working on outreach. Attempting to contact organizations by phone numbers obtained from the Chamber of Commerce, Sarah found that the numbers were outdated. Sarah is scheduled to speak at the April Kiwanis breakfast group. She has contacted other organizations that have not gotten back in touch with her yet. Sarah said that a general outline about Friends of Multi and Multi Arts would be good to have. An outline would be good for anyone wanting to speak. Another good

idea for contacting people would be for our board members to make contacts at other organizations we may belong to.

Belinda said the Farmhouse Fraternity will be volunteering 70 people to help at the Arts and Heritage Festival. The information desk stills needs help. We could give out brochures there.

Next under 'new business' the board addressed standing committees. There are 3 committees that are important to have at this time:

- Finance—addressed earlier in this meeting.
- Membership and Public Relations—Earline is chairperson for membership. Helen, Claire, and Belinda will help. Judy is chairperson for public relations. Staci, Bob, Sarah, and Lou Hale will help with this committee.
- Fundraising—This would also include grants. A chairperson for this committee was tabled until the next meeting.

Mike thought we should have a committee for by-laws since there will always be changes. Belinda said the board has authority to address changes, so we do not need a committee.

Claire made the motion for committees and members to be accepted. Terry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Sue wanted to know the benefits of being a Friends member. Right now there are none. Jessica suggested a small discount, perhaps 5% for members, on purchases made in the gallery could be done.

Ideas for quick incentives for new members, as well as choosing a chairperson for the fundraising/grant committee will be tabled until the next meeting.

Gary Spencer attended the Parks and Recreation advisory board meeting. He found that although there is an opening for representation from Multi Arts there is no one representing us at this time. This matter will also be tabled until the next meeting.

There are 30 applications in for the Arts and Heritage Festival. Jessica will be calling volunteers by Friday to help jury.

Sherrill moved to adjourn the meeting. Claire seconded. All were in favor.