

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Friends of Multi Arts Board Meeting

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

Those present were: Staci Willis, Terry Miller, Sherrill Lewis, Mike Smolen, Lou Hale(visitor), Earline Strom, Lynn Schwartz, Judy Laine, Sue Baker, Carol Fincher, Belinda Butler, and Marjorie Hammer.

The minutes were read. McClendon was changed to McClenny. Terry Miller motioned to accept minutes with changes. Helen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Sue Baker gave the Treasurer's report. There was a handout showing dues and donations. The current balance is \$2003.61. New bank business will be taken care of this week.

Under "old business" the Membership Committee needs to meet with Earline. There is nothing new to report.

The Public Relations committee met last Thursday. Judy made recommendations. Sue Chappell is still calling organizations. Judy is trying to get a Friends of Multi column in the Newspress and the Stillwater Magazine. Having art in the downtown stores would be good public relations. Lou talked to Susie Kessler and said that we may be able to put art in the old Hallmark store on Main Street. Lynn Schwartz said the new owner of the Antique Mall was interested in having art in the upstairs section of the business. Mike felt that displaying large photos of people working on different types of art projects would be good publicity. Changing displays regularly would be good. Terry said he would call for more information.

More people are needed on the Public Relations committee. Staci and Lou said they would help. Writing for the paper would take a great deal of work. It would be nice to have more than one person for the job. Maybe someone from the general membership could help. Stacie will talk to Valerie to okay this. We still need to contact the Newspress, also.

The Children's Museum may be going in the old Katz building. Working together with them may be a good idea. Bob suggested we put flyers in the utility bill. The majority of members felt that most people opening their bill would not look at additional information.

Judy talked about our logo. Claire is not at the meeting, so we don't know definitely about the logo we had previously talked about. Staci will talk to her. Belinda suggested that if we do not know about this logo by the next meeting that we come up with another one. Bob Davis would be happy to design a logo.

Jessica is not here to discuss the Heritage Festival. Belinda has two fraternities to volunteer, the Farmhouse boys and Sigma Ta Epsilon.

Under "new business" fund raising is a priority. Lynn says there is money available at this time through Arts and Humanities. Applications are open as long as there are funds. A well planned event with a guest artist would be nice. No one was really sure about what happens to leftover funds made possible by such an event. It could go into a general fund to sponsor more events.

Lou suggested field trips to galleries, etc. An annual fundraiser could be an "artsy ball"! People could wear costumes.

Money made could be used for children's scholarships.

Finally under "new business" the letter from John McClenny that all on our board received was discussed. As a result, Mike Smolen is resigning from the board at this time. Mike said that when he and Gary went to the Parks and Rec. meeting that they were there as private citizens and were not representing Friends of Multi. He wanted every one to know this, including John McClenny. The Board decided that since we have no involvement in this issue that there is no reason for us to respond to John 's actions. We are here to do positive things for the art center and to promote knowledge about this facility within the community.

Staci motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Marjorie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.