

April 16, 2007 Friends of Multi Arts Board Meeting

Vice President Earline Strom called the meeting to order.

Those present were: Mark Gregory, Staci Willis, Sherrill Lewis, Gary Spencer, Terry Miller, Sue Baker, Earline Strom, Lynn Schwartz, Claire Zevnik-Cline, Mildred H. Carroll, and Marjorie Hammer.

The minutes were read. Mark Gregory's name was added to the list of those that attended last month's meeting. The minutes were approved as changed.

Sue Baker gave the Treasurer's Report. There was income of \$65.00. The expenditures were \$94.40. The current balance is \$1975.21.

Terry Miller gave a report of the Friend's budget for this year. It is as follows:

INCOME	
\$600.00	Anticipated income from dues and donations
EXPENSES	
\$125.00	Postage
100.00	Website
100.00	Office Products
30.00	Bank Charges
100.00	Miscellaneous
\$455.00	Total Expenses

The Membership Committee report was given by Earline. Another social is the immediate priority. We need to come up with advantages of being a member. A couple of ideas were bus trips to various art events and shows, and a prize to members who bring in at least 2 new members. Although, things are on hold until we have the new officers.

Fund raising ideas are a yard sale, a bake sale, and/or a silent auction. Maybe members could donate art for the auction. Lynn felt that maybe Friends should be more organized and have a better foundation before we actually begin fund raising. She asked if fund raising could be tied in with the membership committee.

Staci Willis gave the report for the Public Relations Committee. She took pictures of Mark Gregory's glass blowing class. Staci says we should go over information with Valerie at Parks and Rec. to make sure everything is okay before submitted for publication. Claire shared that "Stillwater Living Magazine" does not have an art section. She will check into this.

Mildred Carroll said that the TAGS (The Art Groups) website could be a place for Friends to promote our functions. A contact is Susie Chilsen. Sherrill will contact her, and then send that information on to Stacie.

Terry gave the status report on the Hallmark store, and the possibility that we might use the windows for photos and artwork to advertise Multi Arts. The owner has someone possibly interested in renting the building, so this idea is not going to work out at this time.

Claire does not yet know about the logo for the brochure.. She will check and report next month. Mildred suggested we put a map on the brochure. This would help people to find the Multi Arts building.

Lynn gave a report on the results of the Heritage and Arts Festival. Overall the artists had good sales. Next year there will be more categories. Also, more effort will be made to make sure that only handmade items are shown and sold. Deadlines need to be kept. This would help improve quality of the art. Staci will check with Jessica to see if the Friends could help with selecting the judges next year. Staci did the ribbons

for this year's event, and Friends got the credit for it. Everyone needs to email their ideas for Jessica to Staci. She will make a list and bring it to the next meeting.

Suggestions were made for a spring social. An Oklahoma Hoe-down would be a good idea for the fall. Stacie and Claire will try to come up with an idea for June. Lynn will help.

Under New Business, new officers were selected. Mark Gregory volunteered to be President. Claire will serve as the new Vice President, who is also in charge of public relations.

Mark will call John at Parks and Rec. to see if the Friends board needs to meet with him yet.

Terry pointed out that our group needs to follow up with Belinda about our 501C3 application. We need to find out where she was at with it and if she had talked to the lawyer yet.

Staci shared with everyone that Mo, who had worked at Multi was ill. She will send a card to her from our group.

The meeting was adjourned. Claire made the motion, and Staci seconded it.