

August 20th, 2007 Friends of Multi Arts Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President, Mark Gregory.

Those present were: Earline Strom, Marjorie Hammer, David Lewis, Lynn Schwartz, Mark Gregory, Terry Miller, Sue Baker, Claire Cline, Gary Spencer, Carol Finch, Bonnie Hammond, Lou Hale, Jessica Novak, Staci Willis, and Mike Smolen.

The minutes were read. Terry Miller motioned for the minutes to be accepted as read. Lynn Schwartz seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Sue Baker gave the Treasurer's report. The balance at this time is \$1975.21. Outstanding bills from the social were turned in, as well as the fees received from new members.

The social was deemed a success. Staci did a wonderful job putting everything together. Positive comments were made by all. The demonstrations went well.

Suggestions were made by some at the social. One was to have a monthly demonstration/program for the general public. This could be held in conjunction with the change of the gallery exhibit each month. Another suggestion was to have a week of workshops for the general public. There could be a theme and the workshops could have a minimal charge. This would be a good place to use a grant.

It was decided that a master list of members needs to be maintained. Claire has been working on a directory, so she will keep the list of members and addresses.

Lou feels we need to be on the Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition. We could advertise our upcoming events on their website. We should also advertise in the "Ads and Brief" in the paper. Claire made a motion for us to set aside \$50.00 to help with advertising. Staci seconded. All were in favor. Jessica and Bonnie will get together to discuss advertising.

Mark talked about the past meeting with PE & R. Several members of Friends met with the staff. The meeting was positive. A list of ideas that Friends could do to help Multi was handed out. John rescinded his earlier decision that board members of Friends could not teach at Multi.

Mark feels that someone from Friends should meet on a regular basis with PE & R. He suggests quarterly or every 6 months. It needs to be a formal meeting. Terry suggests that Jessica talk to John about this. Someone suggested it might be better to meet with the Park Board. The Board meets again in 4 months. Mark said he would be willing to go. Staci suggests we keep in touch with John by email.

Bonnie is still working on the 501C3. We still do not have an answer about the Registered Agent, and we are still waiting to hear from the IRS. We are waiting for a "letter of determination". Mark feels we should still get a tax id#.

Under Standing Committee updates, the Public Relations committee got out a great newsletter. We had a press release for the social.

Under "New Business", Claire, Earline, Sue, and Jessica met about the Purchase Awards for the Arts and Heritage Festival. We need to start selling now! The awards are sold in \$5.00 increments, and the money should be turned into Sue. It will go into our account and then will be paid from us to the artists after the Festival. Artists will receive some kind of ribbon to display during the Festival.

Lou volunteered to speak about Multi Arts at the Art Guild in the near future.

Staci suggests that Friends of Multi needs to have a "Historian" who documents our events and keeps up a scrapbook or something similar. We could get the general membership involved. Claire will bring samples.

The meeting was adjourned.