

March 17, 2008 FRIENDS OF MULTI ARTS BOARD MEETING

Mark Gregory, President, called the meeting to order.

Those present were: Marjorie Hammer, Jessica Novak, Earline Strom, Lou Hale, Joe Rackley, David Lewis, Helen Jordan, Sissy Osteen, Mark Gregory, Bonnie Hammond, Mildred H. Carroll, and Mike Smolen.

Minutes were read and accepted.

Treasurer was not present, but the bank balance is the same as last month.

Jessica thanked Bonnie and those who helped with refreshments for the last gallery showing. Jessica suggested we make a sign that says something like "Refreshments Made by the Friends of Multi".

Joe and Claire created a new newsletter format. Everyone thought it looked great.

Friends received a letter of thanks for our donation to CASA.

Bonnie has new information on the 501c3 application. She now has the correct form, a 1023. There are several changes that need to be made: 1. Friends need to declare themselves as a "charitable organization". 2. If we dissolve our assets must be used for a charitable organization. 3. We need to change the wording in our By-Laws. 4. We need to provide funds to organizations. 5. There needs to be a statement of agreement between the city and the Friends of Multi. 6. We do not do personal solicitations. There is a fee of \$300.00 with this application. We also need a statement of revenues and expenses from Sue, the treasurer, and a tax form 990. Friends has not yet filed this form.

After discussion, the board decided at this time, we should apply for an Oklahoma "Letter of Determination". We need to rewrite our by-laws to state we are a charitable organization. Mark motioned that Friends of Multi amend our by-laws to conform to IRS requirements, and Sissy seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Joe, Sissy, and Bonnie volunteered to meet on March 24th, to go over the by-laws and write the amendments. These will be presented to the board in April. The general membership will have to vote on these changes.

Mike has switched our website. We are able to keep the same name.

Jessica discussed the upcoming Arts and Heritage Festival. Aprons and nametags will be provided for the volunteers to wear. Bonnie said we still needed volunteers. She has not had much response to her email. Sending postcards to get volunteers would be too expensive. She will be making further contacts via email and phone, if needed.

Joe covered ideas to help make future gallery shows at Multi a success. Mark made the motion for September to be the month that Friends of Multi will have their show. Bonnie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned.