

Les Cheneaux Area Artisan Cooperative Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2019

Board Members Present:

Roxanne Eberts, Amy Polk, Julie Porter, Reinhold Friebertshauser (by phone), and Lisa Bohn

Members Present:

Roger Kilponen, Duane Utech, Nancy Barron, Elizabeth Carrington (by phone), Katie Eberts

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

I. Review of the Minutes

- Roxanne made a motion to approve the minutes from LCAAC's March 2019 meeting as presented, and Julie seconded. The motion passed with no nays and no abstentions.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Purchasing personalized LCAAC stationery was added to tonight's agenda.

III. Financial Report/Present Bills

- Roxanne presented the Financial Report for LCAAC, (attached). Lisa moved to accept to Financial Report as presented; Julie seconded the motion. The motion passed with no nays and no abstentions.
- Roxanne reported that she consulted with Amber from Anderson Tackman, who advised that for LCAAC and OSG to file taxes separately would not financially benefit either entity, as doing this would incur an additional filing fee as well as incur an added annual registration fee.
- Roxanne has paid the Old Shell Gallery insurance bill (from the OSG bank account).

IV. Correspondence

- Pat Wilson asked Amy to share information with LCAAC about two upcoming art/artisan events:
 - An Alberta House non-juried community art show "Call for Artists" (flyer/information attached). Show to be held June 4-29, 2019, at Alberta House in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
 - Spring Fiber Fling at Northwoods Christian Camp, during the weekend of May 17, 2019 (flyer/information attached)

V. New Members

- We received a new member application from Cedarville resident Andy Krino. Andy works with oil pastel, acrylic paint, found objects, and wood and steel furniture-making. Julie made a motion to accept Andy Krino's membership application; Reini seconded the motion. The motion passed with no nays and no abstentions. Welcome, Andy!

VI. Old Business

a. Policies & Procedures

Julie presented the board with a revised version of the Mid-Term Board Vacancy policy. It reads as follows:

Mid-term Board Vacancy:

If an existing Board member is unable to complete their term of office one or more of the following options, based upon the situation, will be used to address this event:

- 1) If there are 5 or more members remaining on the Board, the position can stay open until the next annual meeting.**
- 2) Due to the requirement of having a minimum of 5 Board members as stated in the LCAAC by-laws, if there are only 4 members left on the Board at the time of the person's departure, the Board must fill the position before the next Board meeting. That person will then remain on the Board until the next annual meeting.**
- 3) If the departing Board member is an officer, the Board must appoint a member of the existing Board to fill the position.**

Roxanne moved to approve the Mid-Term Board Vacancy Policy as presented; Lisa seconded the motion. The motion passed with no nays and no abstentions.

b. Music & Art Dockside

Roger reported that the MAD committee had its first meeting, which was very productive, and the shared the following information:

- MAD has established a budget of \$1675. The itemized budget was passed around the meeting and all agreed that it looked good.
- The musical guests will be Clyde Jenkins and The Beach Chickens, if available. If the Beach Chickens are not available, North Country will perform.
- The committee is currently researching and reaching out to food vendors.
- The committee is in the process of doing fundraising for MAD.
- Amy sent out a preliminary/informal "Call for Artists" to LCAAC membership today, and Steve will be sending out a more formal one closer to the date of MAD.
- The next MAD Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7th at 10:00 a.m. at Roger's studio (Kilponen Studio, 695 3-Mile Road, Hessel). All are welcome to attend the meeting, even if you are not on the MAD committee!

c. Old Shell Gallery Report/Updates

- Katie reported that the OSG Committee met recently and is putting the finishing touches on OSG-relevant paperwork, such as the Artist Agreement. When the committee has finalized all the OSG forms, a packet will be sent out.
- There will be a cleaning "Work Bee" held at OSG soon-Katie will confirm the date and time and then email LCAAC membership.
- The committee has purchased new display shelving from IKEA and is in the process of making arrangements for removing old furniture from OSG. The goal is to make the OSG displays more cohesive this summer.
- Opening date of OSG will be June 15, 2019, and the gallery will close on August 31, 2019. It will not be open during the fall except for Art Garage Sale and Holiday Art Tour.

- The Gallery Committee will be sending out an email to LCAAC membership in the next few months with information about when artists should bring in their work, training information, etc. Look out for it!
 - Elizabeth suggested OSG “Open by Appointment” as an option.
 - OSG Exhibiting Artist shift requirements will be spelled out/explained in an upcoming email from the Gallery Committee. The committee’s plan is to see how the new rules work this summer and will re-evaluate for future summers.
 - Jan Sitz is now on the Gallery Committee and has offered to organize the volunteer list for gallery shifts this summer. She wants the membership to know that around May 20th, or a few days before, she will send out an email to everyone with instructions on how to use www.signup.com to sign up for shifts.
- d. Thank you Gift for Steve Autore
- There was a discussion about whether to put together a gift basket for Steve Autore or send him a card. No official decision was made, but Lisa and Amy will talk to figure out the next step.
- e. 2019 Membership Drive/Info & Committee Updates
- As of the meeting, 22 membership renewals have come in, and we are awaiting renewals and dues from four previous members, three of whom have told either Katie or Lisa that they intend to renew but haven’t had a chance yet. One 2018 member would like to renew in the future but will wait until finances are better.
 - In the interest of keeping everyone in the loop, Lisa is including all members in emails, even if official renewal and dues have not yet come in.
- f. LCAAC Stationery
- There was a discussion about purchasing stationery with the LCAAC logo, to write thank you notes, etc. We talked about quantity and cost, and Lisa will research prices at both the St. Ignace News print shop and VistaPrint.com. Roxanne made a motion to approve spending up to \$150 to purchase LCAAC stationery and envelopes (quantity TBD based on cost). Julie seconded the motion, and it passed with no nays and no abstentions. Lisa will move forward with this.

VII. New Business

- Katie presented the meeting with updated information about her Detroit-based artists’ mural project (we originally learned about it from Katie at the October 2018 meeting- please see those minutes for further info); the Beautification Committee is not going to be the project’s host, as it was moving too slowly, and Katie asked if LCAAC would like to take on the project. The consensus was yes, LCAAC should take this on. Katie suggested a Mural Committee be established, for which she can be Chair. Katie shared that she/they will be applying for grants to help fund the project. Cindy Lyons has told Katie that she would like to be on this committee. Anyone who is interested in being on the Mural Committee should contact Katie for further information.
- Katie reported that Grand Rapids artist/entrepreneur Alaina Clarke, who taught “The Creative’s Guide to the Entrepreneurial Mindset” workshop, will be available to come back to

teach another workshop this summer, at the end of June. Katie will email LCAAC members to assess interest and keep us updated.

VIII. Adjournment

Roxanne moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Julie seconded, and the motion passed with no nays and no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Bohn
Secretary, LCAAC

Next meeting date: May 22, 2019