

Les Cheneaux Area Artisan Cooperative
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2019

Board Members Present:

Amy Polk, Reinhold Friebertshauser, Cindy Lyons, Kate Rudolph, June Maurer, Nancy Barron, Lisa Bohn

Members Present:

Linda Sattler, Pat Wilson, Carl TerHaar, Steve Wirtz (by phone)

Guest Present:

Katie Duman, from Les Cheneaux Distillers

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 by Amy Polk

I. Review of the Minutes of the July 24, 2019 annual meeting

- A correction was made to the July 24, 2019 meeting minutes to reflect that at the time of that meeting, there were 30 members of LCAAC. Lisa made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes as corrected; Amy seconded the motion. The motion passed with no nays and no abstentions.

II. Election of Officers for LCAAC Board

- Reini made a motion to elect Amy Polk as President of the Les Cheneaux Area Artisan Cooperative board; Lisa seconded the motion. The motion passed with no nays and no abstentions.
- Cindy made a motion to elect Reinhold Friebertshauser as Vice President of the LCAAC board; Amy seconded. The motion passed with no nays and no abstentions.
- Lisa made a motion to elect Nancy Barron as Secretary of the LCAAC board; Kate seconded the motion. The motion passed with no nays and no abstentions.
- Treasurer: there was a lengthy discussion about the lack of availability and interest among our membership to serve as Treasurer of the organization. Reini explained that he would be willing to help with the Old Shell Gallery treasury data, but as a seasonal-only resident he does not feel comfortable taking on the Treasurer position. We discussed the option of looking into how much it would cost to hire a professional bookkeeper who could work with our Treasurer to fulfill some of the laborious and time-consuming tasks that are part of this job. Lisa will research external bookkeeping options and costs. Kate Rudolph stated that she would be willing to have a meeting with Reini and Roxanne to discuss what being the Treasurer would entail, and then consider the position from there. Therefore, the election of Treasurer was tabled until our next meeting, which is September 25, 2019. Kate made a motion to table the Treasurer election until the next meeting; Amy seconded the motion. The motion passed with no nays and no abstentions.

Slate of LCAAC Officers for 2019/2020:

President: Amy Polk

Vice President: Reinhold Friebertshauser

Secretary: Nancy Barron

Treasurer: tabled until September 25, 2019 meeting

VI. (C) In order to discuss the next LCD/LCAAC Blues Night Art Expo with guest Katie Duman, we moved item VI (C) from tonight's agenda to here.

- Katie Duman from Les Cheneaux Distillers joined us at tonight's meeting to discuss the possibility of collaborating again for a Blues Night/Art Expo in 2020; she wanted to see if we are interested and, if so, come up with a date for the event.
- We agreed on LCAAC and LCD doing another **Blues Night Art Expo event on Saturday, January 25, 2020.**
- Katie said that the DeTour Artisan Cooperative is interested in participating if LCAAC is open to that
- Katie (Duman) will design and make the marketing flyers/posters and then share the files with us and we can print them with our printer at Old Shell Gallery (or send to print shop at St. Ignace News).
- Katie will plan on attending our November meeting, and we can exchange event updates at that time.

III. Financial Report/Present Bills

- We reviewed the following reports (attached to this email/minutes):
 - LCAAC Treasurer's Report August 2019 (provided by Roxanne, outgoing Treasurer)
 - Music & Art Dockside 2019 (provided by Roxanne, outgoing Treasurer)
 - Old Shell Gallery Sales and Expenses as of August 28, 2019 (provided by Reini)
- June made a motion to approve the LCAAC Treasurer's Report, MAD 2019 Financial Report, and Old Shell Gallery's Financial Report as of August 28, 2019 report as presented. Nancy seconded; the motion passed with no nays and no abstentions.

IV. Correspondence

- LCAAC has received, via email, a few invitations to participate in and/or visit the following art fairs and shows:
 - Project North <https://www.projectnorth.org/experiences/arts/>
 - UP Arts & Culture Alliance Blues Cruise Fundraiser <https://www.upacalliance.com/our-events>
 - Sault Arts Council/Alberta House <http://saultareaartscouncil.org/>

V. Membership

- We have no new member applications
- Amy reported that Roxanne has volunteered to be Chair of the Membership Committee

VI. Old Business

Committee Reports

A. Old Shell Gallery Report

- Reini reported that things have been running very smoothly, and Jan Sitz has been a great help with coordinating the volunteer shifts and managing the signup.com page. For the month of September Old Shell Gallery will be open on Saturdays from 10:00-5:00 and on Sundays from 12:00-4:00. Please sign up for extra shifts!
- Steve Wirtz has said that he will be Chair of the Gallery Committee.

- The committee will be meeting again next week and hopes to meet with Steve Autore to get a sense of his plans for the building for next summer and the future.
- We are only \$1000 down from the same time last summer, but we opened this summer 2 weeks later, and Reini just found out that today (8/28/2019) OSG made about \$800 in sales, so all things considered, the gallery is doing well.
- Reini would like to consolidate and save all the documents and forms that many LCAAC members have on our computers into one place; Lisa suggested we use our LCAAC Gmail account's Google Drive. Reini and Lisa will set up a meeting to start that process.

B. Art in the Park Report

- No AITP committee members were present at tonight's meeting, so Amy updated us on what she was aware of. There will be no food vendors, but live music has been booked. Julie placed an ad in the paper, and the newspaper will publish an article promoting AITP in the August 29th issue.

C. Policies & Procedures Report

- Earlier in August there was an email conversation among the board members regarding guest artists at Art in the Park. Tonight, we reviewed some of the language in our Policy for guests at LCAAC events and OSG and agreed that we should revisit this policy and ask for it to be written to be simplified, as well as more conducive to encouraging participation of non-LCAAC artists in some of our events. Amy made a motion to recommend to the Policies and Procedures committee to revisit and rewrite our Policy for non-member participation in our events. This motion also stipulates that the new policy language be available for input from all of our members (not just the board). Kate seconded the motion; the motion passed with no nays and no abstentions. Reini said that he will inform the Policies & Procedures committee about this conversation.

VII. New Business

A. LCAAC meeting dates for the rest of 2019 and into 2020

- The remaining **2019** meeting dates are September 25, October 23, and November 25 (the Monday *before* Thanksgiving)
- The meeting dates for **2020**, starting in January, will be:
 - January 22
 - February 26
 - March 25
 - April 22
 - May 27
 - June 24
 - July 22
 - August 26
 - September 23
 - October 28
 - November 30 (the Monday *after* Thanksgiving)
 - December *No meeting*

A. Holiday Art Tour

- Amy proposed the idea for local businesses (shops/restaurants/bars) to be invited to participate in our next Holiday Art Tour. This idea was heartily supported, and so Amy will talk with the HAT committee to get the ball rolling.
- The date for Holiday Art Tour is Saturday, December 14, 2019, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. There was discussion about possibly changing the hours in order to extend into the evening. This is TBD.
- Kate Rudolph has agreed to join the HAT committee.

B. Blues and Art Event Collaboration with Les Cheneaux Distillers

- *Please see end of Item II on page 2*

C. Other Business

- Lisa asked for a budget to purchase some office supplies needed for the Secretarial job; printer paper and ink (for the OSG printer) in order to print copies of paperwork for LCAAC meetings, and postage for mailing. Lisa made a motion to approve the Secretary spending up to \$200 for postage, paper, and ink to be used for LCAAC Secretarial duties. Amy seconded the motion; the motion passed with no nays and no abstentions.
- Linda Sattler shared the information that the Hessel School House is looking to show local art work for the months of January, February, and March 2020. Linda suggested that LCAAC take part in this. HSH would take a 15% commission of pieces that sell; as the Old Shell Gallery will be closed during these months, it could be a great opportunity. Linda will talk to HSH's Paul Gingras about this and let us know what she finds out.
- Linda also said that The Hessel School House/Paul is looking for instructors to teach classes/workshops.

VIII. Review

- Because the meeting had gone on for a long time, we decided to skip the Review.

IX. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the Clark Township Building (207 N. Blindline Road, Cedarville).

X. Adjournment

- At 8:25, Kate moved to adjourn the meeting. Cindy seconded the motion; the motion passed with no nays and no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Bohn, outgoing LCAAC Secretary