

Les Cheneaux Area Artisan Cooperative Annual Meeting Minutes July 24, 2019

Board Members Present:

Roxanne Eberts, Amy Polk, Julie Porter, Reinhold Friebertshauser, and Cindy Lyons.

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Ann Friebertshauser, Katie Eberts, Shannon Henige, Jan Houghtaling, Kara Kellar, Andy Krino, June Maurer, Kate Rudolph, Linda Sattler, Jacob Shook, Jan Sitz, Carl TerHaar, and Pat Wilson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Amy Polk.

I. Review of the Minutes

Two corrections were noted from the June 26 minutes: 1. New members is currently at 32. 2. Under policies and procedures, the “waiting period” was incorrectly noted “60 days”, the correct waiting period is 30 days.

Katie Eberts motioned to accept the minutes as corrected from LCAAC's June 26 & July 18, 2019 meetings as presented, and Kara Kellar seconded. The motion passed with no nays and no abstentions.

Approval of Agenda

- A presentation of events by the LCI Arts Council by Linda Sattler was added to the agenda. Motioned to accept by Roxanne Eberts, seconded by Amy Polk.

II. Financial Report/Presentation of Bills

Roxanne presented the Financial Report for LCAAC, (attached). Linda Sattler added that \$30 in donations from MAD was collected from the children’s face painting booth by parents who appreciated the free service. Julie Porter moved to accept to Financial Report as presented, Reini Friebertshauser seconded the motion. The motion passed with no nays and no abstentions.

Roxanne Eberts reported all monies are deposited in the LCAAC account with explanation that account 01 is Regular Savings, account 02 is left from Night Walk and could possibly be used for Art in The Park, and account 05 represents MAD

III. Correspondence

- Katie Eberts presented correspondence from Katie Duman at LCI Distillery interested in getting the ball rolling for the 2nd Art Expo Event at the distillery to be held in January or March.
- Also, a non-profit report/record from the State of Michigan was received and forwarded to Roxanne Eberts.
- Paul @ Hessel School House and Avery Arts & Nature Learning Center is pursuing an “Afternoon Arts” program grant for fall and winter through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. In light of a change at Les Cheneaux Schools to eliminate their arts program, Paul is looking to combine youth programming in the area. If you are interested in more information or becoming involved, contact Amy Polk or Paul at the Hessel School House (906) 484-1333.

IV. Membership

- No new membership information received.

V. Old Business/Committee Reports

- **Music & Art Dockside** Amy Polk commended everyone for their work on MAD. The kids area was great! Weather happened... appeared to be a smaller group this year, attendance seemed to be down. Food was ok, the pie lady did not show. Overall it was a good time and a good show. It was nice to see new artists involved. Jan Houghtaling commented that we need to be reminded to “share” events on social media. She commented that 2 customers found her at the event through a social media posting, stating “people are finding out about events on social media”. Suggestions was made by Julie Porter to secure a larger sign on M-134 to direct people to the event from all directions. Jan Houghtaling suggested we try to avoid scheduling the same day as the DeTour event. Also noted, the MAD date was wrong on the “place cards” recently printed and distributed.
- **Old Shell Gallery** Reini Friebertshauser presented the Old Shell Gallery report. The gallery is running smoothly thanks to Jan Sitz setting up the online scheduling. Changes have been made to the artist agreement to appeal the current agreement to allow artists to place their works in local area establishments keeping a focus on “same pricing” or price integrity for identical products placed in other retail outlets. The gallery account stands at approximately \$5300. Commissions and taxes are being tracked with a new

accounting system developed by Reini. Commissions currently projected to be paid out by the end of July stands at \$1800. Reini noted we were behind our average sales for June last year which is attributed to a later opening date of June 15. In 2018, gallery sales were \$3000. In 2019, gallery sales totaled \$1500 for June. Current July projection of sales are averaging just slightly behind last year. This year artists are asked to work a minimum of 3 shifts to display in the gallery and receive 60% on sale of art, and 8 shifts to take 75% on sale of art. A rebate check will be sent to artists when a record of 8 shifts are completed. Reini is tracking shifts worked by signatures at the top of the new tax record sheet completed during each shift. He urged volunteers to make sure they sign and date the tax record sheet while working in the gallery. Discussion continued on accommodating the opportunities for new members to schedule shifts in the gallery and fueled a talk about keeping the gallery open beyond Labor Day, including adding another day between the garage sale date in late November and the Holiday Art Tour at the beginning of December. Additional concerns were noted for an artist(s) who are displaying in the gallery but not scheduled to work any shifts. Currently there are 3 shifts that are not covered with 2 Saturdays open. The OSG committee will meet soon to discuss issues and present information to the membership. Roxanne Eberts reported OSG rent is prepaid for the year and the Cloverland Electric account was prepaid with the last check of \$5 sent to them recently, making any future bills from Cloverland due upon invoice.

- **Art In the Park** - Scheduled for August 31, from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. is in need of a chair person. Roxanne offered to make sure the proof of insurance from Islands Insurance is sent to the township. She has already reserved the park property with Clark Township, at the downtown Cedarville Waterfront Park on Hodeck Street, Cedarville.
- **Membership Committee** - Meeting attendees were reminded of the committees they signed up for when they renewed their membership. The committees were reviewed for accuracy of members and some new members were added. The updated list will be distributed to the membership.
- **Policies & Procedures** - There was nothing to approve at this time. Julie Porter reported working with Jan Sitz on approval of changes to policies and procedures. She is also working on policies and procedures for the OSG that addresses contracts to be reported/approved by LCAAC board.

- **Digital Arts Class** - Mackinac Arts and Alliance is interested in offering to teach a Digital Arts Class here, free of charge. They would need a location with WIFI and would like to know if there is interest in this opportunity. PLEASE CONTACT AMY POLK if this would be something you are interested in. Date, time, and location to be determined, based on interest.

VI. New Business

Art in the Park Committee member sign up was reviewed. Concern for purpose and vision was expressed. History of event and original intent was recalled. New ideas were presented for artist demonstrations, possible future silent auction ideas were thrown in with preview at the OSG. Shannon Henige expressed concern of her availability in limited capacity, however took the reins and pulled together the committee with agreement to send out an email in the next couple of days to get the ball rolling. Julie Porter is willing to assist but unable to spearhead the event this year. Remaining budget of \$800 from MAD donations is available for use.

Board Member Nominations We were in need of board members and the following members stepped up to accept a position on the board. New board members are:

Nancy Barron motioned of acceptance from Kara Keller, seconded by Julie Porter.

June Maurer motioned of acceptance from Roxanne Eberts, seconded by Katie Eberts.

Kate Rudolph motioned of acceptance from Kara Keller, seconded by Reini Friebertshauser.

All new board members were approved by the membership with no nays or abstentions.

Call for Local Artists August 2019 Linda Sattler represented the Les Cheneaux Arts Council to share an invitation to two community exhibitions during the month of August. More details and contact information are located in The Guide on page 9 and 4.

1. **Annual Exhibition/Cedarville Lodge**, August 1-15. The artists' reception will be August 15, 5-7 p.m. Artist can submit 4 pieces of work created within the last 5 years. Any theme or media welcome. Must be ready for display. Drop off art on July 31 between 10:30 and 1:00 p.m. at Cedarville Lodge.
2. Hessel School House Gallery Drawings, paintings, prints of the flora and fauna, sites and scenes of the Les Cheneaux area. Must be framed and ready to hang. Limit two

pieces. August 1 - August 30. The Artist reception is August 7 from 5-7 p.m. Drop off art on July 31, from 1-2 p.m. at the Hessel School House.

VII. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 @ 6 p.m. at the Clark Township Hall.

VIII. Adjournment

Amy Polk moved to adjourn the annual meeting at 8:28 p.m. Reini Friebertshauser seconded, and the motion passed with no nays and no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Lyons, Board Member, LCAAC