

Les Cheneaux Area Artisan Cooperative
Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2019

Board Members Present:

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

Members Present:

June Maurer, Nancy Barron, Roger Kilponen, Carl TerHaar, Ann Friebertshauser (by phone), Lisa Burnside (by phone), Jan Sitz (by phone), Elizabeth Carrington (by phone)

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

- I. Review of the Minutes
 - a. Roxanne moved to approve the meeting minutes from February 2019 as presented. Reini seconded. The motion passed with no nays and no abstentions.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Music & Art Dockside was added to tonight's agenda under Old Business (at the top, because Roger has to leave early).
- III. Financial Report/Present Bills
 - a. There was a discussion of if LCAAC should ask its CPA about the potential benefits of filing taxes for OSG separately (as a business) from LCAAC. Roxanne will ask Amber at Anderson Tackman about this. Roxanne presented the Treasurer's Report as well as a summary of 2018's Income/Expense Report. She reported that LCAAC's taxes for 2018 have been filed. Lisa (Bohn) moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and 2018 Income/Expense Report as presented; Julie seconded the motion. The motion passed with no nays and no abstentions.
- IV. Correspondence
 - a. There was no new correspondence. Get well cards were mailed to Rick and Jeannette.
- V. New Members
 - a. We received an application from Duane Utech (who a few years ago was in LCAAC); he makes wood furniture and is an author and photographer. Lisa moved to approve his application, and Reini seconded the motion, which passed with no nays and no abstentions. Ann will reach out to him to let him know, and to give him new member information.
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Music & Art Dockside: Roger has secured the date of Saturday, July 20, 2019 with the township. He updated us on the progress he is making. He would like to get the MAD

committee put together and plan for a meeting in early April. Amy said she will be on the MAD committee.

- b. Entrepreneurial Workshop: there were 4 LCAAC members at the meeting who had attended the workshop and reported that it was very successful and helpful. Alaina Clarke, the presenter of the workshop, is interested in returning to the area this summer to hold another workshop. Thank you to LCAAC for granting the scholarship money to its members who attended!
- c. Policies & Procedures: Julie presented a new policy about Mid-Term Board Vacancy that she and Jan had written. A discussion about the policy resulted in the decision for the P&P Committee to rewrite the policy and bring it to the April meeting.
- d. Old Shell Gallery report/updates:
 - i. this committee had to reschedule its last meeting and will be meeting next week. Reini reported that the committee has been working out the details for this summer's shift requirements and job descriptions. The committee will finalize all of this soon and share with all of LCAAC membership at that time.
 - ii. We discussed the thank you gift LCAAC would like to give Steve Autore (for newer members, he is the owner of the building OSG is located in). Amy and Lisa (Bohn) will start putting together the basket and reach out to LCAAC members for donated works.
- e. Michigan Art Guide: Amy did a great job compiling all of the requested information for our 1/3-page ad in the Michigan Art Guide. Once it is published, it can be found in art-related businesses/galleries/entities statewide.
- f. Friends of the Gallery: the "Friends" concept for fundraising has been tabled until there is more of a need. That discussion led to a conversation about reinstating the "Supporting Member" category of LCAAC membership. We talked about ways to encourage supporting membership, including having a new stand-alone form and having that and a basket of "goodies" available at OSG this summer for people who sign up. As an example, Reini said he could make some laser-cut wooden keychains. Elizabeth suggested we use wall space at OSG to write names (in vinyl lettering or something creative like that) of individuals and businesses who contribute as LCAAC supporting members. Amy suggested that Supporting Membership have its own page on our website, with different levels of donations; she also recommends looking at the Michigan Arts Council website for inspiration/ideas. Elizabeth and Lisa (Bohn) will start researching/working on this. Anyone else who wants to help with this please let one of them know.
- g. Thank you gift for Steve Autore: discussed during Old Shell Gallery update above.

VII. New Business

- a. 2019 Membership: Lisa (Bohn) reported that as of this meeting, 15 members have renewed their membership. The renewal membership packets were sent in mid-February, with no deadline stipulated, so we are still awaiting about 11 renewals. It was decided to set a deadline of April 30, 2019 for people to get their forms and dues payment in. Lisa will reach out to the 11 members to find out if they plan on renewing their membership and let them know about the April 30 deadline. Mary Dunker and Deirdre Darr have indicated that they won't be renewing their membership for 2019.

- b. Committees: We talked about collating the checklists our members have sent in indicating which committees they are interested in; Katie will be compiling this information and Roxanne said she will help the membership committee go through it afterwards.

VIII. Adjournment

At 7:43 p.m. Roxanne moved to adjourn the meeting. Julie seconded. The motion passed with no nays and no abstentions.