

**Les Cheneaux Area Artisan Cooperative
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2019**

Board Members Present:

Amy Polk, Reinhold Friebertshauer, Kate Rudolph, Nancy Barron, Roxanne Eberts, Cindy Lyons (by phone)

Members Present: Jeanette Landreville, Steve Wirtz (by phone), Pat Wilson.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 by Amy Polk.

I. Review of the minutes of the August 28, 2019 regular meeting.

The minutes were reviewed and motioned to approve by Nancy Barron and seconded by Amy Polk.

II. Financial Report/Presentation of Bills - reports were presented by out-going Treasurer Roxanne Eberts, who described account balances of all three savings accounts, plus the checking account, gave the financial report for Art in the Park, and gave a draft End of Year report. Incoming Treasurer Kate Rudolph and Reini Friebertshauer, who has been accounting the finances for the Old Shell Gallery and creating spreadsheets to track LCAAC financial activity initiated a discussion about the number of bank accounts LCAAC has, and the number of transactions between accounts— could things be simplified by closing some of the accounts, since expenses and revenues are being tracked through the spreadsheets now? The discussion resulted in board consensus to close all but one checking account for LCAAC and retain its one savings account, so the organization will have only one checking and one savings account. The Old Shell Gallery checking account will remain intact because it services the gallery's business activity.

III. Correspondence

None reported, however, Amy Polk emailed information regarding Hessel School House interest in talking to artist who want to teach classes, St. Ignace News looking to interview LCAAC Artists, and Linda Sattler/ LCI Arts Council looking for artists to display art during the winter months. Contact Amy for more information.

IV. Membership. No new members to present at this time.

V. Old Business

Committee Reports

Old Shell Gallery. Steve Wirtz is working on getting word from Steve Autore about OSG building and availability. Saturday, November 30 is the date for the OSG garage sale. The gallery will be open on December 7th and 14th (Holiday Open House) Artists should make arrangements to remove their art from the gallery after the close of business on December 14 for the winter months.

Old Shell Gallery Report. Reini Friebertshauer will work with new treasurer Kate Rudolph in constant communication on monthly reports. Projections through this weekend show that Old Shell Gallery sales are about same in 2019 as they were last year. The Gallery has a DropBox account where documents are shared.

Art In the Park. Artists/Participants reported a great day with a steady stream of people all day. Discussion centered on planning for event to begin earlier in the year. Further discussion was addressed about donations, contributions, and asking procedures.

Policies and Procedures. Adding a non-member/partner to our board was discussed and at this time not possible. Membership is designed for working artists.

Blues and Art Expo Collaboration. Scheduled for January 25 being coordinated by Katie Duman from Les Cheneaux Distillers, and inviting LCAAC artists to participate and plan with LC Distillers. Duman asked about inviting other, non-LCAAC member artists to participate in the event, such as the EUP Fine Arts Council artists from the DeTour area, and the general consensus of the LCAAC members was welcome to all, and encouraging of more collaboration and partnerships. LCAAC has a list of members who are interested in working with Duman on planning the event, and Jeannette Landreville volunteered to spearhead planning on LCAAC's end and start working on this with Duman.

VI. New Business:

Treasurer Position. Nancy Barron resigned from the LCAAC Treasurer position. Motion was made to accept this change by Amy Polk and seconded by Reini Frieberthausen. There was some discussion about a proposal to bring a non-LCAAC member onto the board to foster more collaboration with local arts-focused organizations, and to help address the need for board members, since we continue to have a tough time seating LCAAC members on the board and as officers. Some LCAAC members felt having a non-LCAAC "at large" member on the board is a good idea, and discussion questioned how LCAAC could create a pathway to bringing such a member on board until Jeanette Landreville volunteered to accept the LCAAC Treasurer position, rendering the proposal moot, since we only had one seat on the board available. If LCAAC members are still interested in bringing a non-LCAAC member on the board, we can bring it up at the Annual Meeting.

Landreville was elected to the board with motions to accept her board membership by Amy Polk and seconded by Kate Rudolph. Cindy Lyons then motioned to accept her position as LCAAC Secretary which was seconded by Kate Rudolph. Thank you and congratulations, Jeannette. Thank you as well to Kate Rudolph, for accepting the Treasurer's position.

Dues: Discussion about LCAAC dues resulted in the proposal to increase dues in 2020 to \$25. All at the meeting who voiced opinions were in favor of raising the dues to give LCAAC more operating income for its events. Per LCAAC's policies and procedures and bylaws, the increase will be discussed at the October meeting as an agenda item.

St. Ignace News. Looking for individual artists (as mentioned above) to interview for an article on the arts. Interested in knowing how programs and art activities are going. Contact Amy for more information and news contact name and number.

Special January Planning Meeting. Discussion centered around early planning for events, fundraising guidelines, and planning for the upcoming 2020 summer art season. Anyone who would like to have a voice in planning the upcoming season is encouraged to attend the regular meeting scheduled for January 22, 2020. So we can focus on open discussion and decisions about our 2020 events, we are planning to make "2020 Events" the only item on the January agenda.

VII. Review. Kate Rudolph will check into Les Cheneaux Arts Council funding for next year's events and possible funding.

VII. Next Meeting Date: October 23, 2019 @ 6 pm.

VIII. Adjournment. Meeting was motioned to adjourn at 7:49 and seconded by Jeannette Landreville.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Lyons, LCAAC Board Member