

Blacksburg Regional Art Association Board Meeting
7/8/08

Members Present: Larry Mitchell, Suzanne Oliver, Leslye Bloom, Al Bloom, Frances Frederick, Charlotte Chan, Jessica Wirgau, Toni Bowman.

Meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Review, Modification, Approval of minutes of 6/10/08: Change the back room of the Lyric to be a meeting room instead of a storage room. Larry made a motion to approve as revised, Charlotte seconded, passed.

Treasurer's Report: Al handed out his report and said we have a balance in all of our accounts of \$35,048.81.

Committee Reports:

Galleries-Alumni Hall: We have heard we were approved but don't have any details at this point. We will probably want to go with some theme shows to begin with.

Taylor House-BRAA Arts Center: Leslye brought some floor plans for us to look at. Larry said that as the building is zoned it is essentially for retail and not for meetings. Anything that would have a group gathering would change our building code classification. With the retail classification we would only be able to have 28 people in the building at a time. There would be some major changes to bring it up to code for us to be able to have meetings or be part of the cultural tours for the town.

Art Along the Alley, July 19: Toni said we have 7 people in the booth this year. We can take one or two more people but that is all. Larry needs to get a list of people he can call to help set up about 7:30 on Saturday morning. We won't have the check in and check out this year. Just have everything tagged and ready to sell.

Artist Approval Process:

Document review: Larry handed out copies of the new approval process. Leslye moved to approve the new process, Toni seconded, motion approved.

Old Business: Toni will get with Larry about the people who are exhibiting and their jobs.

New Business: Larry said we had an application form for the Community Foundation. Gene Gourley will go to the grant writing seminar on the 11th of July. Leslye has met once with the Y and will meet with them again next week as well as the Montgomery Museum next week to discuss things that can be done. She has the grant proposal that she is working from at this time. It's hard to ask for more money until we know just what we will be doing. We have until the 26th of July to get it figured out.

Larry got an email from Maurine Lawrence from VT. She is going to start "Gobbler Fest" outside Squires Hall and needs artists to showcase art from the region. Jessica suggested we try and get more information on what we would need to do to be involved. Charlotte suggested it might be a way to get some student members for the association.

Larry has had communications with the Downtown Merchants and they are still looking for artists for their 2nd Wednesday's in September and October.

The YMCA has contacted Larry looking for a teacher for a ceramics class at the Y. He thinks he might have someone to help them.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.