

**CRYSTAL LAKE ART CENTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 8, 2007**

A meeting of the Crystal Lake Art Center Board of Directors was held at the Art Center at 111 10th Street, Frankfort, Michigan. Present: Shirley Bishop, Sharon Blizzard, Susan Burks, Vicki Carpenter, Bob Fisher, Karen Hejl, Meg Louwsma, Jack Muehlman, Mary Kay Niemic, Joey Parris, Elaine Peterson, Dick Robb, Connie Shaw, and Lee Harper. Absent: Corey Bechler and Elaine Larson.

Guests: Wes Blizzard, Lynn Petti, Toby Tull, Christy Tull, and Mary Dilts,

President Elaine Peterson called the meeting to order at 4: 00 p.m.

Minutes

Minutes from the September meeting were approved as corrected "Connie Shaw presented our current report - not budget."

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President

President Elaine reported on the CLAC Committees for 2007-2008. Each person received a copy of these committee members.

Vice President

As Corey was absent, Elaine read his email/report. The backroom looks great. Thanks for Dick Robb and crew. Kilns need to be cleaned up along the side of the building.

Secretary

No report.

Treasurer

Shirley Bishop presented our current treasurer's report. The report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEES:

Membership

Sharon reported that we have 652 members to date. On November 8 at 6 p.m. we will have an Art Talk with William Storrer which will be followed by a member's meeting. We are in the process of planning our end-of-the-year donation letter using Roland Roycraft's art work. We plan to mail this card/request by Thanksgiving.

Finance

NorthSky has a meeting and Shirley and Lee plan to attend.

Classes

Lee reported that classes are doing better; good news!!

Joey announced that Ann Loveless will be 'chairing' the fabric classes.

Maintenance

Dick Robb thanked all those folks who were here to spruce up the backroom. It looks great.

Dick also mentioned that we need treatments for the gallery windows; it was suggested that we have a space heater for the ceramics studio.

Dick also discussed 'walling off' half of the back room so we could have a heated classroom. Discussion followed. Treasurer Shirley suggested we wait until the beginning of the new year to decide this.

Perhaps window treatment should be our focus in order to save heat during the winter. Dick thinks that for \$100 we could design something. We asked Dick to investigate this for our next meeting.

Gallery

Meg Louwsma reported on the Holiday Market; she hopes that we would encourage any artists that we might know so they could be included in this Market. We need volunteers for evening and Saturdays from the first week after Thanksgiving through the weekend before Christmas. December 8 is the opening; a kids craft day is in the works also. It will be set up like a nice gift shop.

Meg discussed the portraits and figures show; Susan reminded us that we do have a policy; a discussion followed as to what we should do about this art;

It was decided by the Board that the Galley Committee assume the responsibility to reject art work that the Committee feels is inappropriate for children.

Open Studio

Jack reported on the attendance at Open Studio and the comings and goings of Open Studio artists. He said that attendance is down; snowbirds are leaving for the winter. The Board decided to promote the Open Studio via email, newsletter, and the local paper.

Gift Shop

No report.

Activities and Fundraisers

The Halloween party is Saturday, October 27 at 7 p.m. Planning is underway.

Negotiating Team

Shirley Bishop reported on the negotiating and read a letter from Josh Mills outlining several options. Discussion followed about the lease;

A motion was made by Mary Kay and second by Shirley that we accept the 10/03/07 draft lease from the City for the Coast Guard Station subject to approval of any changes made by the City attorney, Joan McKay, and subject to the approval of our attorney. Motion carried.

President Elaine Peterson is now a member of the negotiating team.

Director's Report

Lee reported that we received a \$100 donation from a group with which Connie McClarren is involved.

Lee is a member of the Benzie County Cultural Coalition and this group is meeting tomorrow at 10 a.m. at CLAC.

New Business

The Board accepted the donation of a coffee pot by Shirley Bishop.

Joey suggested that we have our 'planning session in November rather than January so we can plan the calendar for the entire year earlier.

We will plan this retreat/planning day on Saturday, November 3 at 10 a.m.

Site to be determined.

Membership Comments

Toby Tull suggested we contact Mary Weishaar for attorney recommendation. Toby thought the letter was a good one.

Lynn Petti was thrilled to get the letter;

Toby also suggested that if we are going to allow Board meetings to be open then we should invite a Founder to each meeting. Seek it as an opportunity to get them back in the 'fold.' That same committee could invite a local person to the meeting. At the General Membership meeting in November, invite with hand-written invite.

Mary Dilts congratulated the negotiating team and the CGS will be so beneficial to our community to be in a landmark area where we can be a cultural center - not just an art center. Mary is excited.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS NOVEMBER 12, 2007, AT 4 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Sharon Blizzard, Secretary