

**CRYSTAL LAKE ART CENTER (CLAC) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
3-10-08**

Meeting called to order at 4 pm.

Present: Elaine Peterson, Meg Louwsma, Corey Bechler, Vicki Carpenter, Susan Burks, Connie Shaw, Jack Muehlmann, Lee Harper

Absent: Shirley Bishop, Sharon Blizzard, Bob Fisher, Elaine Larson, Dick Robb, Karen Hejl, Joey Parris

Reports of Officers:

President's Report: Elaine shared that preliminary grant work on the Common Grant Application has been completed by Keith. It will be the foundation for future grants. Second meeting with Jeanne Snow from GTRCF was held.

Vice President Report: Corey shared that the student show is May 2-9.

Secretary's Report: Vicki gave an oral summary of the Feb meeting. Copies need to be sent out when Sharon returns.

Treasurer's Report: Lee shared the report for Shirley, who is in FL. Good response with member renewals. Initial Mosaic payment from the state has been received.

Committees:

Membership: 667 members, renewals are coming in.

Gallery: CLAC didn't get the grant for the current show but there is a nice representation. Got \$2000 for the fall juried show. Put out info for installation piece to showcase different members and make the information available in the back room for visitors (5x5 piece). Corey shared an idea to have a composition made up of 'pieces' by different artists based on a known piece, Starry Night was given as an example. This could be an auction item for the Cherish the Arts event this summer.

Maintenance: Loose ends (locks, fire extinguishers, generators, etc) have been addressed.

Open Studio: Nicer weather has helped attendance.

Gift Shop: In contact with Met Museum and will have some more items, focused on kids, coming in. Contact with local artists about putting their work out (post card, email blast, etc.) as well as start having some supplies available.

Activities/Fund Raising:

Yard Sale: Date conflicts have put it in jeopardy. Board would still like to see it happen over Memorial Day Weekend or sometime in May/June 2008, Suzanne Green is still interested as a co-chair, Connie/Vicki will follow up. Motion made by Connie and seconded by Corey to have the sale. Motion passed.

Artist Birthday Party (4/25/08) Suggested artist is Van Gogh and it was accepted. Eliza will start invitations,

Tea: Lynn Petit is doing this on June 12 at the CGS.

Cherish: Elaine contacted a professional fund raiser, received a resume and she charges \$50/hr. It was felt her focus wasn't what we needed. Connie and Corey will work on this project as co-chairs.

Capitol Campaign: next meeting will be in April.

Building: Meg shared materials and reported on how to go 'green' with the CGS renovation. She feels very positive about the potential for the CGS to be a LEED certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building. She has questions to follow-up with Mike Quinn. Connie's nephew is a green architect and she will contact him. Elaine and Meg will follow up with Mike, Lee has a meeting with Mike on 3/21 that will work. Everyone appreciated Meg's efforts.

Director's Report: Lee shared the info on the Mosaic. She encourages attendance and asked for help distributing posters.

New Business:

Connie wondered about increasing the % of the gift shop between artist and gift shop. There was discussion as current it is 30/70 (30 to artist) and it was proposed to 40/60 %. There was support to increase it to 60% to artist and 40% for CLAC. This would cover all sales (gallery and studio) and would be in effect 5/1/08 (exclude student show)

Corey shared info on art panels for rent. We may want to look at it for the summer Cherish show to dress up the CGS.

Vicki Carpenter/substitute recording secretary