

# Minutes for 9/8/09 BRAA Board Meeting

Agenda with incorporated minutes:

Attending: Nancy Norton, Vikki King, Mary Montgomery, Lisbeth Weisband, Tom Barnhart, Susan Anderson, Larry Mitchell, Bonnie Moreno

1. Discussion, modification, and approval of the Minutes for 8/11/09 as amended with changes incorporated into the meeting minutes. Motion by King, seconded by Montgomery.
2. Treasurer's Report
  - a. The Virginia Commission on the Arts made an \$850 grant to JAM.
  - b. The Nadine Allen Fund has been replenished; but there is a question re the physical location of the funds. Norton will investigate.
  - c. Treasurer's report was accepted as presented on motion by Mitchell, seconded by Barnhart.
3. Old Business
  - a. Status report on Water Works exhibition: Helen Castaneda/Cedric Rudisill
    - i. Rudisill working on bookmark handout to publish and deliver closer to the show' opening.
    - ii. Deadline for entries is Sept. 21.
    - iii. Norton will see if Deb Sim's VT class will hang the exhibit.
  - b. Status report on New River Art 09: Leslye Bloom (absent)
    - i. Weisband reporting things for show going well.
    - ii. New River Art can host the 2013 show in Perspective Gallery per Norton's conversation with Mary Tarturo, Director
  - c. Status report on 'Round the Mountain: Nancy Norton...Four home studios are on the list at this point; remainder are businesses.
  - d. Bridges Exhibition opening: Charlotte Chan...
    - i. Show is up and wonderful with Truman Capone as featured artist.
    - ii. *Eyes Wide Open: Women in the arts* is the theme for Virginia Commission on the Arts for next year and the CAW exhibit theme will relate to this overall theme.
  - e. Nametags update: Jack Burn and Bonnie Moreno: Burn was absent; Moreno showed several layout options. Samples follow in Secretary's Notebook. Printed nametags in plastic sleeves to hang on elastic or clip on seem the logical (and least expensive) choice for now.
  - f. Re-submission of sculpture grant proposal: Nancy Norton...BRAA has submitted a revised request to the New River Community Foundation for funding for the JAM sculpture *Standing Strong Together*. Possible final sites for the sculpture include the new Montgomery County Courthouse or Montgomery County Office Building per Ruth Rickie, Public Relations Director for the county.
  - g. BRAA space possibilities update: Nancy Norton ...Negotiations and investigation continues with Victor Dritsalis and a second possibility for space shared with studios.
4. New Business

- a. Anne McClung: new downtown incentives from the Downtown Revitalization Committee...DRC is made up of business owners, arts reps and VT reps working together to constructively revitalize downtown with an emphasis on the arts and culture to include fine arts studios, enrichment activities in music, art, theatre, dance, and retail business. McClung gave a rundown on possible incentives that include:
  1. mentoring,
  2. façade grants,
  3. expedited review of building permits and site plans and inspection aimed to grant certificate of occupancy within 30-60 days
  4. revolving loan program
  5. rebates of some fees and taxes (permit, site plan, water/sewer connection fees) – up to 100% the first year for those eligible, decreasing as program or venture is established

Tourism District will include entire commercial zone from the old middle school to intersection at Main and Prices Fork.

Public hearing at Town Council November 10 preceded by a public comment meeting at the end of October. Norton will speak for BRAA at the public hearing.

- b. Program Committee preview: Toni Bowman
  - i. Betty Moore is booking 3 classes for the area high schools and wants to see if these will dovetail with workshops for BRAA members.
  - ii. Quarterly programming will be met by a general information meeting and update for all members in the Fall and VMFA speakers for the next three quarters.
  - iii. The Carrie Burns workshop for 2011 has been filled.
  - iv. Program/Workshop Committee scheduled to meet today. Will report next month.

5. Adjourn: 5:05

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