

# 11/10/09 BRAA Minutes inserted in Agenda Board Meeting

Agenda prepared by  
Nancy Norton, President  
Minutes prepared by Bonnie Moreno, Recording Secretary

Note: Send corrections to the minutes to Norton or Moreno before 12/8/2009 to insert electronically.

Attending: Mary Montgomery, Leslye Bloom, Nancy Norton, Vikki King, Betty Moore, Larry Mitchell, Bonnie Moreno

1. Discussion, modification, and approval of the Minutes for 10/6/09 meeting  
*Mitchell moved to accept the minutes of September and October without correction; seconded by Moore. Passed unanimously.*
2. Treasurer's Report: King
  - a. \$382 received, \$481.6 spent, about \$20 earned in interest, \$200 added to the Nadine Allen Fund in a transfer from the General Fund.
  - b. Water Works payments and receipts to be reviewed.
  - c. King requested copies of membership forms. Nancy will provide.
  - d. Bills for Water Works refreshments need to be presented to Miller Off Main for reimbursement.
  - e. BRAA's Artisans Trail brochure sponsor costs will be due in January. We will receive a bill.
3. Committee Reports
  - a. Membership: Tom Barnhart via written report:
    - i. 121 current members with 54 exhibiting artists
    - ii. 6 requests to be exhibiting artists still out. Norton reported this number is now down to 4 as two were very recently approved.
    - iii. Updated data showing all members and their links, but still not on website
    - iv. Membership deadline – fall renewals are good until the end of 2010. Nancy will include reminder to renew in upcoming President's Update email.
  - b. High School Workshops: Betty Moore
    - i. October 20...Blacksburg High School, Kendra Wadsworth, *Portrait on a Leash*. A grand time was had by all.
    - ii. Upcoming: November 13...Auburn HS, watercolor workshop by Shelly Betchel Shepherd

- iii. Upcoming: November 23...Christiansburg HS, Beryl Solla, *Looking at Our Lives*, tile mural
- iv. Teen Symposium in Richmond:
  - 1. We can send 2 high school seniors and an educator Program focus is exploring art in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. No charge for the event. Overnight accommodations for the educator of \$80-\$100 approved in a motion made by Bloom and seconded by Bowman on the condition that the accompanying educator becomes a BRAA member. Moore will email all area art teachers offering this opportunity.
- c. Programs and Workshops: Toni Bowman
  - i. Professional Practices program
    - 1. available to 20 participants at the Blacksburg Recreation Center
    - 2. pre-advertised to BRAA membership and then to public
    - 3. must have 2010 paid membership in BRAA
  - ii. Refunds only if a replacement is found.
  - iii. Lecture series will be held on Sunday afternoons 3-5 pm. We have members willing to lend a PC projection device but BRAA should eventually consider buying one.
  - iv. Programs are mostly set (hard copy handed out at meeting) with logistics and advertising still to be settled.
  - v. Toni will need volunteers to set up/tear down.
- 4. Old Business:
  - a. Round the Mountain Artisan Trail status: Nancy Norton
    - i. Participants: all deadlines extended except for our BRAA brochure sponsor paragraph for matching grant which is due December 1<sup>st</sup>. Nancy will provide that and work on grant with the group.
    - ii. Meeting with Anne McClung to resolve home artist studio issues: Norton trying to arrange
  - b. JAM Grant: Nancy Norton: idea for project more costly than anticipated; encouraging JAM to reduce the scope of the project rather than return the grant.
  - c. Report on Water Works: Helen Castaneda: pleasing exhibition with good participation. Judges remarks much appreciated.
  - d. Nametags for members – where are we?: Moreno will have ready for Dec. 10 open house at New Hall West and for next lecture or membership meeting. Tag will have each member's name printed on a 4x3.25" card to fit in a clear, plastic holder that can be pinned or clipped on.

- e. Update on gallery space: Nancy Norton:
  - i. Unclear organizational structure and guidelines for space must be resolved before BRAA can agree to participate in the Main/Lee Arts project in the former *For the Birds* building.
  - ii. Bowman made a motion with Montgomery seconding that Norton have all negotiating powers needed to decide how to proceed with the Main/Lee Arts project.
  - iii. In the meantime, BRAA is looking again at other spaces (which will remain confidential at this time.)

## 5. New Business

- a. Revision of By-Laws:
  - i. Jessica Wirgau will be asked to convene a group to review by-laws, keeping any revisions as simple as possible. Board members were encouraged to send any ideas and suggestions for changes to Norton ([nancypnorton@comcast.net](mailto:nancypnorton@comcast.net)) and Wirgau ([jwirgau@vt.edu](mailto:jwirgau@vt.edu)) via email.
- b. New Community Gallery at VT in New Hall West: Nancy Norton for Jeri Childers:
  - i. Members response was terrific and 84 pieces were hung in this large space to meet a close deadline for visit by Board of Visitors.
  - ii. Coordinator is having difficulties filling all available venues. Will discuss carrots and sticks at next meeting.
- c. Town Manager's Office as a FREE gallery?: Nancy Norton:
  - i. Board approved covering this gallery without charge in the same way that the Blacksburg Public Library is covered.
- d. Publicity Volunteer badly needed: Nancy Norton: discussion concerning difficulties in obtaining print coverage for exhibitions
- e. Maintaining our web site: Nancy Norton : discussion tabled
- f. Minds Wide Open event(s): Nancy Norton: tabled
  - i. Sponsorship of a fiber arts exhibition by the Creative Cluster of northern Virginia
  - ii. Other ideas such as special publicity of our community galleries showing the work of women artists, book signing by local photographer Isabelle Marchand etc. tabled

6. Norton will speak at Town Council tonight in favor of Tourism District Incentives ordinance.

7. VFA membership voted to be renewed; motion by Bloom; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bowman; unanimously approved.

8. Adjourn