

Draft Minutes incorporated into Agenda for 8/11/09 BRAA Board Meeting

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Agenda: 4:05 p

Attending: Charlotte Chan, Mary Holliman, Cedric Rudisill, Leslye Bloom, Vikki King, Tom Barnhart, Larry Mitchell, Toni Bowman, Nancy Norton, Bonnie Moreno

1. Discussion, modification, and approval of the Minutes for 7/14/09...Approved with a couple of small changes; moved by Mitchell, seconded by Holliman
2. Treasurer's Report ...attached with Bloom moving to approve, Chan seconding
3. Old Business
 - a. Report on Art at the Market: Toni Bowman...was a success. Work was grouped by artist. BRAA members Susan Lockwood, Darcy Meeker, Dale Norton and Kendall Kessler received awards. There was newspaper coverage. General approval of booth function, which was managed by Bowman, proving a benefit to BRAA.
 - b. 'Round the Mountain update: Nancy Norton...15 have signed up, among them Matrix, Original Frameworks, Annie Kay's, several B&B's. Town of Blacksburg, as reported earlier, will work with artists about signage ordinances.
 - c. Restructuring of committees and filling committee positions – status report: Nancy Norton...
 - i. Publicity chair still needed
 - ii. Gallery coordinator needed for Stellar One gallery in Christiansburg
 - iii. Water Works theme show opens October 20th. Ten entries to date. Norton will clarify the theme in email to members.
 - d. Nametags update: Jack Burn...Burn was absent. General agreement that logo needs to be more prominent. Moreno will work on. Bowman will send graphics.
 - e. Decoration of downtown Blacksburg storefronts: Nancy Norton...Susan Anderson reported to Norton that no windows need attention at the moment. Possibility of old Annie Kay's in the future.
 - f. Bridges exhibition...Chan reporting...Group would like a chance to hear the juror discuss how she does the jurying process.
 - g. My Valley Bank...Chan reporting re: finding a better rate on our balance. To get 5% need 12 debits per month on credit card. We don't make that many transactions in a month.

4. New Business
 - a. Cheeses of the Mediterranean Oct. 10 and 11 at Villa Appalachia...proposed that a group go to reconnoiter Villa Appalachia as future fair site
 - b. Water Works exhibition...Rudisill will assist Helen Castaneda with computer aspects of exhibition as co-chair. Reception is Oct. 30. Bloom requested that, in the future, we try not to overlap NRA and the VTLS themed exhibit, both of which were moved from summer to fall this year.
 - c. Advertising for new members of Art Tour 10?...Norton proposed and Bloom seconded emailing BRAA members about interest in joining this group of local artists that do one or two shows a year. While we would not promote the event, we will help them solicit interested BRAA members.
 - d. A space of our own at last – maybe?: Nancy...Holliman proposed with Rudisill seconding, that we investigate thoroughly by personal visit a property on Main Street, Blacksburg as possibly a space for BRAA to open as a gallery, studio space, and classrooms. Town of B'burg Zoning authority, Cathy Cook, appraised it as promising. Rough estimates were made re: income and costs. Suggested that Bob Rogers, Architectural Alternatives, be called to assist in estimating needed changes. Once the space is determined to be suitable, we will develop working groups for the various functional areas.
 - e. Programming: Bowman reporting...Carrie Burns Brown's Color Emphasis Workshop still scheduled for May 23-27, 2011. Costs are \$500 per day, plus room, board and travel. Further info on website.
 - f. Bloom: Art trip to Washington in December in association with Roanoke Studio School. Early Dec. 4, Friday, through late Dec. 5, Saturday. Cost is around \$200 including bus and motel, but excluding meals.

5. Adjourn...5:25 p for most to visit Art Space site. 8/26/09

8/5/09 agenda date