

**BRAA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**2018 04 25 2:00 PM**

**Present**

Raphael Bedia, Pat Bevan, Jeanette Bowker, Charlotte Chan, Robi Sallee, Lois Stephens, Gerri Young, Terry Hoover (guest)

The meeting began at 2:05 PM.

**Workshop Report– Gerri and Charlotte**

- Gerri talked about the possibility of using a Wufoo Form for each day of the watercolor workshop in September. Gerri and Charlotte will talk later about this possibility. Jeanette will write a check to Gerri to reimburse her for previous use of the form.
- Charlotte reported that the Danie Janov workshop is almost full. Everything is ready with the exception of three lunch choices still needed.
- Charlotte reported that advertizing will begin in June for the Sandy Maudlin workshop scheduled from September 5<sup>th</sup> through 9th. A flyer is partly completed. The cost will be about \$400 per person. Gerri will put the flyer and a supply list on the BRAA workshop. Participants will need to send photos ahead of time to Sandy in preparation for the workshop. Both acrylic and watercolor paints will be required. Charlotte will be putting in a group order for Yupo paper and bamboo pens. A maximum of 21 participants will be allowed. Sixteen participants are needed to break even on the workshop. Gerri noted that she met Sandy at Kanuga and expects that Sandy will give very detailed instructions for participants.
- Charlotte reported that a quilt workshop by Paula Golden will be scheduled for early 2019.

**Community Galleries Report – Charlotte and Jeanette**

- Charlotte reported that VTLS will no longer be a BRAA gallery venue and that Mill Mountain Coffee and tea will not be a member next year.

**Theme Show Report – Gerri and Robi**

- With VTLS not available for the annual BRAA Theme Show, several options were discussed for this year and for the future.
  - The Theme Show would not be held this year.
  - The old church on Main Street in Christiansburg could be investigated for this year and/or future years. The downstairs, long hallway could be used. It has good walk-through but not as much art space as VTLS. Ruth Lefko might be the person to contact the owners. Insurance would not be provided for artwork by this venue. This information would need to be given to artists. Could be part of form artists fill out.
- It was decided that Gerri would talk to Ruth about the possibility of using the old church gallery but not for this year. All agreed that there would be no Theme Show this year.

**Treasurer Report – Jeanette**

- There was no printout available for the meeting.
- Jeanette will send Gerri the latest spreadsheet and Gerri will send it to Board members.

**Newsletter Report - Lois**

- All ideas are set for the next newsletter. Gerri gave the idea sheet to all Board members.
- The next meeting of the Newsletter Committee will be held in July.
- Terry suggested that everyone be reminded to send newsletter information to Lois.
- Gerri suggested that Vera Villanueva be asked to write an article for the newsletter about her art school experiences.

**Membership Report – Raf**

- There was trouble reading the handwriting on membership applications and renewals from some members.
- There are currently 112 members for 2018.
- The Board decided that if a new member joins on October 1<sup>st</sup> or later in a year, then the new member will have membership for the new year + October, November and December of the current year.
- The Board restated that to be in the Gallery Program membership must be renewed by January 01.

- Raf will send out emails to people who have not re-joined for 2018 to ask their intentions.
- Gerri reminded everyone that member files are on the BRAA Google Drive as a PDF document.
- Gerri will rework the current membership application form to include the following updates: (1) increase the space for phone number, (2) move “media” line so there is not confusion with Exhibiting Artist information.
- Raf gave Gerri a print out of emails to check against her list of members.
- Raf will update the members’ media list of the BRAA website.

#### **BRAA Luncheon Report - Robi**

- Robi will check with Joe to see if he can talk at the June meeting instead. The Cuba trip is scheduled for 2019.
- It was suggested that in 2019 possibly have two “show and tell” luncheons rather than speakers. May and December will be considered for months.
- The luncheon will be at Golden Corral for May.
- Lois suggested that BRAA pay for speakers’ meals at the monthly luncheons. The Board was unanimous in agreement and decided that Robi would pay on the day of the luncheon and get reimbursed for the expense from BRAA.

#### **Virginia Watercolor Society Show 2018 Report - Gerri**

- VWS wants to go electronic this year for submissions. Gerri has been working with two VWS members to help make this happen.
- VWS also sent material to Gerri for marketing for the exhibition that will be held in the Olin Gallery at Roanoke College this year.

#### **New River Art 2019 Report - Gerri**

- Gerri reported that the Moss Gallery staff has been very supportive of preparations for the NRA Biennial exhibition. The juror for the competition has been hired by the Moss Gallery.
- Charity Hall, a member of the NR Art Biennial committee suggested to Gerri that coupons be used to bring down the cost of entry to BRAA members.
- A question was raised if some of the money from registration can be used for awards.
- The application period will be from September 1, 2018 to February 1, 2019 with March 15, 2019 designated as the notification date.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **VA License Plate Design Winner – Gerri**

- Kaya Windpainter, of Blacksburg High School was the winner of the Virginia DMV’s license plate design contest.
- She received a \$1,000 prize, courtesy of AAA. Her design concept will be available on license plates this summer.
- Gerri proposed BRAA give \$200 to Kaya in recognition of her achievement. Raf suggested presenting the award at the high school’s year-end assembly. He will check with the school’s principal to ascertain how and when the money can be awarded and then work with Gerri to determine the specifics.

#### **2018 National Scholastic Art and Writing Competition Awards – Gerri**

- The Board discussed to whom to give money for recognition of a competition award. This included a discussion about region.
- The Board decided to give \$200 this year to Soren Winistorfer in recognition of her achievement as a national medalist. Gerri will write the letter to the student.

#### **BRAA Donations to Organizations**

- To whom BRAA will consider giving monetary donations will be discussed at the next Board meeting.
- Lois suggested the Board establish guidelines for the donations and that only non-profits be eligible. She agreed to lead this task and to work via email with all Board members.
- Charlotte suggested giving to art departments in schools.

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Bevan