

BRAA Board Meeting Minutes

2016 03 29, 4:00 PM

The meeting was a regular board meeting. It was held at the home of Jeanette Bowker. In attendance were Pat Bevan, Jeanette Bowker, Charlotte Chan, Teri Hoover, Nancy Norton, Robi Sallee, and Gerri Young. The meeting began at 4:14 PM.

BRAA Monthly Luncheon

- Gerri noted in the Board meeting agenda that the staff at Famous Anthony's Restaurant was confused and not prepared for the March BRAA luncheon.
- Robi reported that she had gone to Famous Anthony's and had given them a schedule of the dates for the upcoming BRAA luncheons.
- Gerri suggested that a phone call should also be made early in the week of each luncheon to ensure the staff are aware and ready.
- Robi will be in charge of the April luncheon **in Gerri's absence**. Teri and Charlotte will be back-ups.
- Robi will contact **by** email Simone Patterson, a member of the VT Visual Arts faculty, to ascertain if she is interested in being the speaker for an Art Spot talk at a monthly luncheon.

Workshops

- Gerri noted in the Board meeting agenda that BRAA had \$3000 in profits from the Feng workshop and \$2000 from the Pace-Berkeley workshop.
- Charlotte reported
 - She has approached Christine Kosiba about offering a workshop in clay at the YMCA.
 - Christine will be in town in May in connection with the 16 frogs project that the town just announced and Charlotte will try to see her then.
 - Christine's fee is \$500 per day.
 - An August date for the workshop is planned - a Friday night and all day Saturday.
 - She spoke with Michael from the YMCA about the facilities and restrictions, **but nothing is definite yet**.
- A discussion was held about a firing fee and room fee from the YMCA.
- The board decided
 - Charlotte should proceed with her discussions with Christine.
 - A fee for the clay should be provided in the fee for the workshop.
 - Charlotte will ask more questions of Christine regarding what she needs for the workshop.
 - Charlotte will ask more questions of the YMCA regarding their spaces and fees.
- Charlotte reported that a collage workshop with Danie Janov is planned for this coming fall.
- Charlotte will confirm this **with** Danie.

Treasurer Report and Possible Use of BRAA Profits

- Gerri noted in the Board meeting agenda that
 - In Jan 2015 there was \$22,526 in the BRAA checking account (that includes Nadine Allen funds and biennial funds).
 - In March 2016 there was \$28,200 in the BRAA checking account.
 - There currently is \$22896 in the Capital One Money Market account.
 - These amounts show that BRAA has covered expenses and still has a profit.
 - The \$22,526 in the checking account plus the \$22896 in the Capital One Money Market account equals \$45,422 (minus Nadine Allen Fund and Biennial), giving somewhere around \$4000 **increase from Jan 2015 until March 2016**

- Geri will ask James Creekmore if there is some rule/law that addresses how much profit a non-profit is allowed to make to stay within the law.
- BRAA donated \$200 to NR Art Biennial at FACNRV, as has historically been done for this event due to BRAA's long term involvement as a biennial location. BRAA donated a very small amount of award money to the Blacksburg and Christiansburg High School shows at the Montgomery Museum in 2014 and 2015.
- Geri asked those present to suggest ideas for using some of the BRAA workshop income. Ideas noted in the Board meeting agenda along with others were discussed.
 - Charlotte suggested some funds be kept in reserve.
 - Charlotte suggested some funds be used to sponsor a scholarship so that a high school student might attend a BRAA workshop for free. It was noted that this would be most feasible for a summer workshop.
 - The Board agreed to provide a small gift basket for each winner of the 2016 Blacksburg High School art show. The Board agreed to plan to give something to this show every year. **Note from Gerri: My memory and my notes cannot find anything about gift baskets, plus I am confused about exactly what show is being talked about here. Is it the Honors Art student show held in May at the high school? Why don't we just cover their award money and forget the gift baskets? I think Jeanette already gave gift cards to the art teacher for this show. Simplify, simplify. Someone shed some light on this for me.**
 - The Board agreed to finance purchases for Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Auburn and Shawsville High Schools art classes. \$500 per school will be awarded this year. Betty Moore, the Schools Liaison for BRAA, will be asked to speak to the art teachers to ascertain what is needed for their classes in general, not for individual students. Betty will be given a time frame for gathering her information. Teachers will report their purchases to BRAA so that this information can be placed on the BRAA website. The possibility of future awards will be investigated on an annual basis. **NOTE from Gerri: Is it too late for this to happen this year? We want to make sure the ART classes benefit from our funds, not just any class. Charlotte and Jeanette both asked me to reconsider the \$500 per school. They want it \$250 each instead. I am in agreement with that.**
 - The Board agreed to award a \$200 check from BRAA to Vera Villanueva from Blacksburg HS, who won two awards in the 2016 Scholastic Art Awards competition at the FACNRV. Her work next goes to NY for the national level competition. She had eight pieces selected for the FACNRV exhibition—more than any other student—and she is the only student from the FACNRV show that got invited to NY by the national committee. The possibility of future awards for this competition will be revisited annually by the Board. **NOTE from Gerri: This check and congratulatory letter has been sent to Vera week of April 22.**

Kroger Cards

- Gerri noted in the Board meeting agenda (a) that BRAA still has 23 Kroger cards worth \$5 each that cannot be sold since Kroger changed the program and (b) that there are two possibilities for using them.
 - Convert the \$115 they are worth into one Kroger gift card to be used to buy refreshments/supplies for workshops. (Charlotte will keep the card until it is empty).
 - Convert the \$115 to buy Visa gift cards to use as prize money for this year's member theme show.
- Nancy proposed and Pat seconded the first idea of one gift card to be used for refreshments.
- Teri will handle the card conversion. **NoTe from Gerri: I have not passed the gift cards to Teri as of this date. I will take care of that soon.**

BRAA Gallery

- Jeanette will draft a letter that will appear in the next BRAA newsletter calling for applications from BRAA members who wish to be considered for approval to display in the BRAA Community Gallery program. **Has this been done? I know we have two new applicants whom we approved recently, but don't recall if or how the call for applications went out. Jeanette?? Charlotte said work on the 2017 gallery schedule will take place in August/September.**

Theme Show

- Robi will check with Virod Chachra from VTLS to be sure BRAA is confirmed for the BRAA Theme Show exhibition to be held in their gallery space from approximately July 15th through October 15th, 2016.
- The theme for the show was confirmed as "Portraits – Let's Face It". Portraits of humans and animals will be accepted.
- Robi will create the prospectus and notice and send it out.
- All BRAA members will be permitted to enter the exhibit. No more than two pieces of art per artist may be submitted. There will be no entry fee for the exhibition, **thus passing some benefits to our membership from our very successful workshops.**
- Up to 40 (**corrected # is 50**) pieces total will be accepted into the exhibition on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The delivery date for artworks will be Monday July 18th from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM. The reception will be Thursday July 21st from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. **Pickup date is Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**
- Pat will create thumbnail and larger images of image files sent by artists for the exhibition for a digital exhibition on the BRAA website. Gerri will assist Pat with the website coding required for this.

1 Chair, 10 Artists Exhibition:

- Gerri noted in the Board agenda that
 - BRAA is set for the exhibit at the Black House to hang right before the August Steppin' Out event and to come down the end of September. The exhibition will use half the wall gallery space and all the 16 blocks unit in the next room.
 - Through registration on the BRAA website there are commitments for all the gallery space and most of the 16 blocks spaces. BRAA is providing the 16 blocks supports to the registered artists for free to make all the pieces uniform.
 - At this writing 20 artists have signed up and the name of the show has changed (and will continue to change) accordingly... 1 Chair, 20 artists, etc.
 - BRAA has a commitment from the owner of the chair to lend it to BRAA for the duration of the exhibit and he will write the history of the chair so it can be included in the exhibit. Apparently it came from an old town hall office in Christiansburg.
 - Some of the registered artists are new members, including one from Tazewell.
 - **NOTE from Gerri: Show is full with 22 artists, delivery date is Aug. 2, reception is Aug 5, 5-7 p.m. (first night of Steppin' Out) and take down is September 26.**

Montgomery Museum High School Shows:

- Gerri noted in the Board agenda that
 - Betty Moore and Gerri did the judging for Blacksburg show. Everything went extremely well on all sides. Marie Collier did all the graphics. Gerri presented the awards at the reception. Jeanette purchased Mishmish gift cards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards. Steve from Mishmish contributed 50% of the funds for the gift cards.

- For the Christiansburg show, Marie will support with graphics. Jeanette has purchased gift cards for awards. Sue Farrar has them in her possession as of Mar. 24. Lead judge will be Shaun Whiteside, assisted by Alice de Sturler.
- Jean Galloway and/or Ruth Lefko may be asked to judge in 2017.

Simply Elemental installation art at Hahn

- Gerri noted in the Board agenda that there is no official BRAA participation in this event, but several BRAA members contributed.

Membership

- Gerri noted in the Board agenda that Nancy has worked very hard to scrub the membership listing and email contacts.
- About 50 members from last year have not renewed for 2016.
- Nancy will send out one more membership reminder.
- BRAA will begin offering free life-time memberships to members who turn 80 years old. Geri will write an article for the BRAA newsletter about this and Francis Frederick who is the first BRAA free life-time member.

Warm Hearth Gallery

- Gerri noted in the Board agenda that
 - Charlotte has been asked by Mardy Baker from Warm Hearth if BRAA could help with the gallery there, but Mardy thought it was only \$100 per year to be a BRAA Exhibiting Gallery.
 - Warm Hearth has agreed to rent their workshop space to BRAA this year for \$50.00 per day.
- The Board agreed that Charlotte will confirm with Warm Hearth the \$100 per year BRAA Exhibiting Gallery fee to Warm Hearth in exchange for the \$50.00 per day workshop space fee from Warm Hearth to BRAA. Charlotte will get this agreement in a written contract.
- Jeanette will modify the letter to galleries for Warm Hearth to reflect the \$50 per day fee for their workshop space.
- The gallery space exhibition time frames will be one month each.
- **NOTE: April 27, Charlotte says most of this is still fluid, nothing under contract with Warm Hearth yet.**

Miscellaneous

- Gerri noted in the Board agenda that
 - Lisabeth Weisband will be doing a solo show at Hahn Horticulture Gardens. The installation will be May 1. Gerri will be assisting with this.
 - Gerri will be hanging a solo show at the Montgomery Museum on May 3.
 - Gerri, Ruth, and Sally Mook will be taking part in the Creekmore Artful Lawyer “Fur, Fin and Fowl” show starting in April.
 - Gerri, Lois and Teri will be exhibiting artists in the annual Art at the Market on Draper Road. They will market BRAA while they are exhibiting their own works **and using the BRAA tent.**
- Gerri agreed to continue to be web master of the BRAA website after she leaves the office of BRAA President at the end of this year.

The meeting was concluded at 6:15 PM. **All notes in red done April 27, after the fact by Gerri.**

Minutes prepared by Pat Bevan and edited by Gerri Young.