

**Mooresville Artists Guild
Board Meeting
Aug 7, 2008**

The board meeting of the Mooresville Artist Guild was called to order at 10:00 am on Thursday August 7th, 2008. Those present included Wayne McGuire, Leo Gordon, Cheri Simmons, Sandie Bell, Ellen Patterson, and Barbara Earnshaw. Guests in attendance were Rob Cole, Dianna Matthews and Tom Nixon.

The minutes of the last meeting were previously reviewed via email and accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report:

- The Operating Fund account balance is \$4821.94
- The Preservation Fund account has a balance of \$2493.56
- Leo proposed that membership should be renewed on an annual renewal date based upon the join date. Leo will enter each member's join date in the on-line data base which will prompt a tickler file for renewal information. Leo will then send renewal notices to members based on the monthly tickler file. Motion approved.
- Leo is currently coding all income so that reports may be generated and reviewed in the future to see where our strengths and weaknesses lie regarding the ability to generate income for the Guild. This will also aid in establishing an annual budget. Accounting software will be used for this process.
- Leo proposed that in an ongoing effort to reduce our overhead, the Palette Patter should not be printed and mailed to any members. It should only be printed and copies left at the Depot for members to come in and pick up. All agreed.
- We are due for an outside audit. Leo & Wayne will look into hiring an accounting firm for the task.

The Web Master's report, Bruna was not present at the meeting but sent an email proposal for the following:

- Bruna proposed that highlights of the Board meeting minutes available for viewing in the Palette Patter via the MAG web site. The Board decided that the Secretary will email the minutes, to the Board members within a few days of the meeting to the Board. The Board will then approve the minutes via email. The minutes will then be posted on the MAG web site as a link and they may be read in their entirety by anyone wishing to do so. The Board approved this motion.
- Bruna suggested that the membership application form be revised with a space that allows accountability for the distribution of the membership packet to a new member. She is also asking for input from the Board for other changes at this time. The Board discussed the option of having the form available for completion on the web site along with the ability to submit the form and membership dues on-line. All agreed. A few changes were suggested to the form such as abolishing the 2 tiered membership structure (volunteer vs. non-volunteer) and the ability to pay for more than 1 year's membership at a reduced rate of 10%, etc. Bruna will have the opportunity to review the proposed changes before the Board officially votes on the changes. Wayne will discuss the changes with Bruna.

Business:

1. Shows and Events –

- Labor Day weekend – no volunteers to cover, should we be open? Yes – Cheri, Barbara and Wayne agreed to cover the weekend.
- The August meeting is at the Leatherwood's place. Ellen suggested that MAG give them \$100 towards the cost of the picnic that they host for MAG.
- We still have no sponsor for the Fall Judged Show yet. Pat & Nell are chairing again this year.
- Ellen reports that the steering committee is full for the AWS show but is still accepting volunteers.
- WE have not received any money yet from Travel & Tourism for brochures but Wayne was headed down to talk to them.
- The Board decided to keep the same nominating committee as 2008 for 2009: Mary Luke, Ellen Patterson & Lois Smith.
- Sandie & Cheri are chairing MAG's 1st Annual Paint Out event to be held the 1st Saturday of October. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place based upon the entry fees collected and potential sponsorship monies collected. We would like to display the art work in the warehouse but due to the Fall Show entries, we may have to come up with another option.
- Barbara reports that she is organizing a Women Paint Women show for January of 2009. She currently has about a dozen participants lined up for the event.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheri Simmons, 2008 Secretary