

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
MORONGO BASIN CULTURAL ARTS COUNCIL  
MBCAC**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the above Corporation was held on **June 8, 2016**, at the Healthy Generations meeting room, 57121 Sunnyslope Dr., Yucca Valley, CA 92284.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Valerie Davis at 5:00 PM.

**Board Members Present:** Valerie Davis (Vice President), Patricia Knight (Membership & OSAT Director), Lenne Rosen-Kabe (Secretary), Marcia Geiger (Treasurer), Anne Beattie (Member Events Director), Scott Doten (Communications Director), Janis Commentz (Gallery 62 Director,) Ed Keesling (Director at Large).

**Others present:** MBCAC member Sharon Matheson.

**Not present:** President Paul Klopfenstein.

**QUORUM** was established.

**DIRECTORS' REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

No report – functions of Chair delegated to Vice President Valerie Davis.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Acting Chair in the absence of President Klopfenstein.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

The Minutes of the May 11, 2016 Board of Directors meeting had been previously e-mailed by the Secretary to all Board members. Suggestions and corrections were incorporated into the "Final" version.

A motion to adopt the May minutes as amended was made, seconded, and carried without dissent. The Secretary will post the approved and signed minutes to the MBCAC website under Board Minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Geiger handed out a monthly treasurer's report for the month ending May 31, 2016 incorporated herein by reference. The corporation remains solvent.

The beginning balance for May 2016 was \$32,977.29, with total expenses of \$2,580.04 and a reconciled bank balance at month's end of \$47,687.06.

The replacement of the small Gallery 62 receipt books with larger ones is currently on hold. The cost of replacement will be around \$60.00 once pursued.

Treasurer Geiger addressed the status of the MBCAC with the Registry of Charitable Trusts and its impact on the non-profit status of the Corporation. She indicated that President Klopfenstein is aware of the issue. IRS form 990 needs to be filed, cost is estimated at \$300.00. Bookkeeper Poulakis will coordinate with CPA J. Stone of Joshua Tree to do the filing. Geiger also indicated that she will contact a CA Arts Council lawyers' group regarding the issue, and she and President Klopfenstein will report back, **ACTION ITEM.**

Treasurer Geiger indicated that she needs to either step down as Treasurer or hand over more work to the bookkeeper for additional fees each month. Geiger also proposed coordinating with Gallery 62 Director Janis Commentz to work out how to handle gallery-related finances and look into the possibility of using the gallery office as a drop-off and pick-up point for the bookkeeper, **ACTION ITEM.**

The issue of the Track Phone was raised. After a discussion of the pros and cons, a vote was taken as to whether to keep it at a monthly cost of \$9.97 or to give it up, with the majority voting to give up the phone, Membership Director Knight voting against.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Director Knight provided a written report, incorporated herein by reference. As of this date, MBCAC membership stands at 234 active members, 106 renewals are overdue and 103 have lapsed. There are 11 new members since last month's Board meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Director Doten reported that the OSAT Facebook group page currently has 1743 members. He continues to update the page with new information as it becomes available.

Doten displayed a 3-pronged support for the solar lights to be installed above the Gallery 62 sign on the marquee above the gallery doorway. Installation is scheduled in the near future.

**GALLERY 62 REPORT:**

Commentz reported that a well-attended workshop on writing artists' statements was held at the gallery on May 22. Fourteen MBCAC artists came together for this interactive session led by Secretary Rosen-Kabe, with positive comments from the participants.

Director Commentz indicated that the Gallery 62 website needs to be up and running, and plans on working on it herself in the near future. The Gallery 62 Facebook page is gathering steam, with many "Likes" coming in. She is also using Instagram to promote the gallery.

Commentz proposed that starting in January 2017, a committee of 4 persons should be in charge of the gallery, as it represents too much work for one volunteer.

The gallery has acquired a small gardening committee – MBCAC members Hiroko Momii, Bonnie Brady, and John Greenfield have volunteered to shape up the bare sandy plot in front of Gallery 62. A path is planned, with the eventual installation of a sculpture.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**EVENTS:** no report.

**OSAT (Open Studio Art Tours):**

Director Knight reported that all artists' information had been proofed. The Marketing Committee, lead by Director Keesling, had secured 19 ads so far for the catalog, with more on the way. A trade deal was made with the Joshua Tree Music Festival organizers for reciprocal ads. The deadline for all ads is June 30, 2016.

Knight and Registrar Klopfenstein will wait until the end of the school year before contacting Professor Cathy Allen at Copper Mountain College regarding the OSAT artist mentoring proposal, **ACTION ITEM.**

Director Knight further stated that she is still waiting on articles to be completed for the OSAT catalog, and that the cover will have to be modified slightly in order to replace the artwork of one artist who will not be participating in the 2016 OSATs.

**MARKETING:**

Director-at-Large Keesling suggested that an ad for the Open Studio Art Tours could be sent to the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce's newsletter, as well as information regarding Gallery 62. **Director Knight** will send ad information to the YV Chamber regarding the OSATs, **ACTION ITEM.**

Keesling reported on a successful Yucca Valley Grubstakes Parade. Board members Knight and Doten, along with their children, took part in the festivities, handing out OSAT save-the-date cards and communicating with parade attendees. Local artist Snake Jagger provided a painting that was "worked on" by other local artists while being driven along the parade route.

**EXHIBITIONS/ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (AIPP):**

Vice President Davis reported good sales at the 29 Palms Inn, with no sales at the Las Palmas and Pie for the People restaurants during May/June. The Ma Rouge coffee shop in Yucca Valley has changed hands and is now the Frontier. Davis will contact the owner to explore interest in becoming an AIPP venue, **ACTION ITEM.**

**WEBSITE COMMITTEE:**

Director Knight reported that she has access to office space again, and is making the MBCAC website a priority. She indicated that she has still not received bios from **Doten, Davis, and Paul Klopfenstein** for inclusion on the MBCAC website's About Us page, **ACTION ITEM.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Handled above.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on July 13, 2016, in the Healthy Generations meeting room, 57121 Sunnyslope Dr., Yucca Valley, CA 92284.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:06 PM.

These Minutes are certified by the Secretary.

Signature Lenne Rosen-Kabe Date July 11, 2016