

**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 **October 12, 2016**, at the Center for Healthy Generations, Yucca Valley, CA.

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Klopfenstein at 5:08 PM.

**Board Members Present:** Paul Klopfenstein (President), Valerie Davis (Vice President), Lenne Rosen-Kabe (Secretary), Marcia Geiger (Treasurer), Ed Keesling (Director at Large).

**Others present:** MBCAC member Julianne Koza, Kathi Klopfenstein (Art Tours Registrar), and Chaparral Artists member Harold Jones.

**Not present:** Patricia Knight, Membership Director/Art Tours Director, Janis Commentz, Gallery 62 Director, Scott Doten, Communications Director, Ann Beattie, Member Events Director.

**QUORUM** was established.

**DIRECTORS' REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Klopfenstein addressed the need for written resignation letters from those Board of Directors members who plan on resigning by the end of 2016, stating their projected last day of service as Board members. The following Board members have given verbal notice of retiring from the Board of Directors after 2.5 years of service in December, 2016: Secretary Rosen-Kabe, Treasurer Geiger, Vice President Davis, Member Events Director Beattie, and President Klopfenstein. Secretary Rosen-Kabe and Vice President Davis hand in their resignation letters.

Treasurer Geiger will email hers to the President **ACTION ITEM**. Geiger added that she may have a replacement for her position as Treasurer, will advise when certain, **ACTION ITEM**. Gallery 62 Director Commentz has announced her retirement from the BOD by the end of January, 2017, after one year's service.

President Klopfenstein again added that ideally, the next President would emerge from amongst current Board members in order to provide continuity to the position. The BOD, per the Corporation's bylaws, must have a minimum of 5 members, with a maximum of 10 members allowed. He further stated that even though he is retiring at year's end after 2.5 years of service, he will preside over the Annual Meeting scheduled for January 11, 2017, adding that given the MBCAC's current membership of 237 members, he is hopeful that new volunteers will step forward to carry on both the MBCAC and the Art Tours, now in their 15<sup>th</sup> year.

Klopfenstein requested that Gallery 62 Director Commentz provide a complete description of her responsibilities and activities by the November, 2016 Board meeting, **ACTION ITEM**.

Vice President Davis stated that although she is retiring as VP, she will retain her position as Chair of the Art in Public Places committee and as member of the Gallery 62 committee.

The President reminded the Nominating Committee (Directors Commentz and Keesling) to provide names of MBCAC members to be contacted for Board positions opening in January, 2017. **ACTION ITEM**, continued to the November, 2016 Board meeting.

Member-at-Large Keesling has indicated that he will take over the VP slot vacated by Director Davis.

Klopfenstein indicated that per the bylaws, the Board of Directors has to consist of a minimum of 5 members, with a maximum of 10 allowed. The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are mandatory. Other Board positions can be assigned as needed, such as Membership Director, Art Tours Director, Gallery 62 Director,

Communications, Member Events, Exhibits, etc., not to exceed a total of 10.

A discussion followed regarding the possible compensation of the Art Tours Director (closed meeting, Board members only). The topic was first discussed after the close of the 2015 Art Tours, and a stipend of \$5,000.00 was voted by the Board, to cover two years of the 2014-2015 OSAT Director. President Klopfenstein requested that Board members submit criteria by October 29 as to how to evaluate the Director's work. The possibility of a stipend for the Gallery 62 Director was also discussed, with Klopfenstein requesting input by October 29, to be voted on during a closed portion of the November 2016 Board meeting, **ACTION ITEM.**

The date for the Annual Meeting, set for January 11, 2017, was confirmed. Registrar Kathi Klopfenstein proposed a pot-luck to be held at 6:00 PM at the Healthy Generations location in Yucca Valley, followed by the nomination of incoming Board members, with additional nominations from the floor accepted. All retiring Board members should attend so that their service can be acknowledged. A motion to this effect was made and unanimously adopted.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

No report. Presents her resignation letter.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

The Minutes of the September 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 September 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.

MBCAC member Julianne Koza had previously indicated her interest in taking over the Membership Director's role from Director Knight. Vice President elect Ed Keesling nominated Koza, Treasurer Geiger seconded

the motion, and Koza was unanimously welcomed as a new Board member, stating that Director Knight will help her get started.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Geiger handed out the monthly treasurer's report for the month ending on September 30, 2016 incorporated herein by reference. The corporation remains solvent.

The beginning balance for September, 2016 was \$46,204.06, with total deposits of \$2,815.00, total expenses of \$21,252.23, for a bank balance at month's end of \$27,669.84 after a net loss of \$-18,436.29. Big-ticket items such as OSAT catalog printing (\$11,127.00) and OSAT advertising (\$7,655.00) accounted for part of the net loss.

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, **ACTION ITEM**, tabled until the October, 2016 Board meeting. The topic was tabled again until the November, 2016 Board meeting.

Geiger stated that new, larger format receipt books had been obtained for Gallery 62. She indicated that she had spoken with bookkeeper Alex Poulakis and Gallery 62 Director Commentz. Poulakis is now providing a month-end report for the gallery.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Director Knight provided the following information to the President in her absence: current MBCAC membership stands at 237 active members, with 3 new members added since the last Board meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Director Doten reported to the President via email that the OSAT Facebook group page currently has 1843 members. He continues to update the page with new information as it becomes available.

**GALLERY 62 REPORT:**

Director Commentz provided a written report to the President, covering gallery interns, new bookshelf, future plans, etc. incorporated herein by

reference. The OSAT banner for Gallery 62 was discussed. A request for a budget for gallery openings was made. It was suggested that the Gallery 62 committee come up with a figure and present it to the Board for approval. The Treasurer should be contacted if additional petty cash is needed for the gallery.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**EVENTS:** no report in the absence of the director. Director Beattie will resign her position by year's end after multiple years of service to the MBCAC.

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

Director Knight provided a written report to the President with the following:

- 1) The Collective Show opening reception was a success.
- 2) Many OSAT artists were unable to participate in the Collective Show due to the limitation of intake being on a Monday.
- 3) Ads will be running all week and the week following in the Hi Desert Star as well as in the LA Times and the Desert Sun publications. The Idyllwild Living issue featuring the Art Tours has been published.
- 4) Nineteen individuals have purchased OSAT catalogs on-line and they have been mailed out.
- 5) An email went out this afternoon to all OSAT artists with the guest sign-in sheets and an invitation to the closing party hosted by Dawn and Dennis Blevins at their business on Hwy 62 in Yucca Valley.
- 6) The OSAT website has been averaging 240 views per day with 446 being the highest on 9/30/16.

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

MBCAC member Rik Livingston has agreed to take over the Pie for the People exhibits. MBCAC member Miguel Criado is willing to help with Frontier in Yucca Valley, and is willing to meet with the owner and VP Davis, **ACTION ITEM**. Davis indicated that the 29 Palms Inn may not be housing MBCAC exhibits in the future.

Davis also mentioned that AIPP is in need of additional forms for intake at various venues. It was suggested that she work with Treasurer Geiger, **ACTION ITEM.**

**WEBSITE COMMITTEE:**

Director Knight indicated to the President that all three websites (MBCAC, OSAT, Gallery 62) are up to date.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MBCAC member Casey Kiernan is exploring the possibility of putting on an art/music festival in spring 2017 with MBCAC as one of the sponsors. The event would run for two days over a weekend in March, during the Spring Break tourist season. A presentation by Mr. Kiernan during the November Board of Directors meeting was proposed, **ACTION ITEM.**

Director-at-Large Keesling has contacted Gallery 62 Director Commentz regarding a possible kids' art show at Gallery 62, and will make a presentation to the Gallery 62 Committee during its next meeting on November 7, 2016.

Keesling further reported that he, Treasurer Geiger, and OSAT Director Knight attended the Banning Art Association's event at the Morongo Casino, handing out OSAT catalogs, save-the-date cards, and networking with members. Many speakers were in attendance, and possible collaboration between MBCAC and the Banning group was discussed.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on November 9, 2016, at 5:00 PM in the Healthy Generations meeting room, 57121 Sunnyslope Dr., Yucca Valley, CA 92284.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:04 PM.

These Minutes are certified by the Secretary.

Signature Lenne Rosen-Kabe Date Nov. 9, 2016