

**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 **December 14, 2016**, at the Center for Healthy Generations, Yucca Valley, CA.

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Klopfenstein at 5:06 PM.

**Board Members Present:** Paul Klopfenstein (President), Lenne Rosen-Kabe (Secretary), Marcia Geiger (Treasurer), Ed Keesling (Vice President-elect), Janis Commentz (Gallery 62 Director), Patricia Knight (Membership/OSAT Director), Julianne Koza (Membership Director-elect), Raini Armstrong, Secretary-elect.

**Others present:** Rik Livingston, Norma Mackie, Sharon Davis, Mike Shaw, Esther Shaw, Erick Johnson, Zara Kand, Laurie Schaefer, Dorothy Baker.

**Not present:** Vaerie Davis (Vice president)

**QUORUM** was established.

**DIRECTORS' REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Klopfenstein introduced current MBCAC board members, briefly explaining the functions of each. The President indicated that MBCAC member Mike Shaw had agreed to take over the Treasurer's position on the 2017 Board, and that Ed Keesling had agreed to take over as President. Outgoing Treasurer Marcia Geiger will stay on the Board of Directors as Vice President.

Klopfenstein informed the Meeting that per by-laws, Board terms are for one year, or until a replacement is found. He also noted that the Corporation's by-laws are now posted on the MBCAC website under "About Us."

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

In the absence of Davis, President Klopfenstein reported that Davis had repainted the Signature Room at Gallery 62, touched up paint at the Pie for the People venue in Joshua Tree, and purchased paint to match the walls at the Las Palmas Mexican restaurant. Furthermore, labels are ready to be delivered to the 29 Palms Inn restaurant venue.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

The minutes of the November 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 November 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, **ACTION ITEM.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

The beginning balance for November, 2016 was \$25,539.88, with total deposits of \$4,485.78, total expenses of \$3,321.35, for a bank balance at month's end of \$24,429.28.

The outstanding payment of \$4,000.00 to the graphic designer of the OSAT 2016 catalog was sent on December 3, 2016, and a refund for overpayment to the LA Times of \$182.92 (OSAT advertising) is expected. Geiger further noted that the Corporation's tax situation with the IRS is still pending, but should resolve itself due to the extension obtained a few months back.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

MBCAC membership currently stands at 240 active members, 2 new members since the previous month, and 115 lapsed members. Director Knight sent out an email on Dec. 3 to lapsed members regarding their status.

Knight indicated that she would handle the events calendar on the MBCAC website, but would need help with monthly e-mail blasts. Amara Alban (MazAmar Art Pottery) might be interested in providing computer-related assistance to the MBCAC. Knight will reach out to Alban, **ACTION ITEM**. Incoming 2017 Membership Director Julianne Koza will provide contact information of other members interested in lending a hand to the BOD, **ACTION ITEM**.

**COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Director Doten reported that there are currently 1800+ members on the Hwy 62 Facebook page.

**GALLERY 62 REPORT:**

Director Commentz reported that Gallery 62 had brisk sales in excess of \$1,100.00 during the December show opening. She stated that a four-member directorial team would best serve the needs of the Gallery, perhaps a Director, and Assistant Director, and two "leaders." MBCAC members Zara Kand and Esther Shaw are interested. Mike Shaw has offered to take over both the Treasurer's position on the Board and handling gallery financials. Jim Thompson and Lenne Rosen-Kabe have offered to continue helping with the hanging of new shows. Rik Livingston and Norma Mackie are willing to help as well, with Livingston taking over the responsibility for curating Pie for the People shows. The Gallery 62 committee will meet on January 9 at 4:00 PM at Gallery 62 to hash out details.

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

Director Knight handed out 2016 OSAT survey results and indicated that a pdf of the document will be attached to the December BOD Minutes on the MBCAC website. Knight also handed out a 2016 OSAT Budget/Accounting sheet, incorporated herein by reference. Total

expenses for the 2016 OSAT were \$41,910.73 and accounting indicates that the 2016 Open Studio Art Tours came in \$2,546.95 under budget.

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

No report in the absence of Vice President Davis.

**WEBSITE COMMITTEE:**

Director Knight indicated that all three websites are up and running. She has not yet had the opportunity to meet with Registrar Klopfenstein re training on the Gallery 62 website, **ACTION ITEM.**

Discussion ensued regarding the renewal of the hwy62art.org web address, and the expenditure of \$40.34 for two years was approved.

President Klopfenstein discussed the transfer of Board of Directors email accounts to new officers, and Treasurer Geiger indicated that she will handle in her capacity as Administrator, **ACTION ITEM.**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

Vice-President-elect Keesling distributed fliers announcing the February 2017 youth art show at Gallery 62. Intake for the show will be on January 31, and a reception is planned for the close of the show at the end of February, with prizes for participants divided into three categories by grade level. Winners will have the opportunity to participate in a youth art show in Mission Viejo at the end of March/April. Sponsors will be sought through an email blast to MBCAC membership and sponsors will be featured in all advertising materials. The goal is to break even (Gallery 62 rent and supplies estimated at \$1,200.00). Once the show is installed, a catalog featuring show participants will be made and sold to visitors for additional funds. A committee was formed to help with various aspects of the exhibition, including advertising, hanging, gallery sitting, etc. Several MBCAC members present volunteered, including Zara Kand, Esther Shaw, Janis Commentz, Patricia Knight, Lenne Rosen-Kabe, and Marcia Geiger.

**MARKETING COMMITTEE:**

A plaque will be installed on the east wall of the Natural Sisters store in Joshua Tree to advertise Gallery 62. The MBCAC logo will also be featured on the plaque.

The need for new MBCAC business cards was raised, and Director Knight agreed to work on a design for the new cards, **ACTION ITEM.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MBCAC member Sharon Davis handed out an announcement for the Southwest Art Festival, to be held at the Empire Polo Grounds in Indio, CA, January 26-29, 2017. It was agreed that this would present a marketing opportunity for Morongo Basin artists and the yearly Open Studio Art Tours. Director Knight offered to coordinate the effort on behalf of the MBCAC with the selection of 20 artists to rotate during the 4 days of the show, **ACTION ITEM.**

Vice President-elect Keesling presented a list of MBCAC members who were contacted and expressed interest in volunteering as Board or Committee members during 2017. Discussion ensued, with the candidates present introducing themselves to the Board. A motion was made to accept the slate of candidates. Seconded and unanimously approved.

Ed Keesling will be the incoming MBCAC President and Treasurer Geiger will move into the Vice President position. Mike Shaw will take over the Treasurer's slot. Esther Shaw will be one of two co-directors (with Zara Kand) of Gallery 62, and she will join the Board as Member-at-Large. Raini Armstrong will replace Rosen-Kabe as Secretary. Director Knight will serve an additional year as OSAT Director, with Julianne Koza assuming the Membership Director's position. Laurie Schaefer will be the 2017 Events Director. Karan Murphy has offered to be in charge of Marketing. Director Doten will remain as Communications Director.

President Klopfenstein, Gallery 62 Director Commentz, Secretary Rosen-Kabe, Vice President Valerie Davis, and Events Director Beattie are retiring from the Board.

Several additional volunteers will be contacted to fill committee positions and a complete list will be provided during the January 11, 2017 Annual Meeting, **ACTION ITEM.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The matter of the compensation of the OSAT and Gallery 62 directors was postponed and will be handled via email vote prior to the January 2017 Annual Meeting, **ACTION ITEM.** [A vote was held via email on January 6, 2017, with the majority of Board members approving a \$3,000.00 stipend for the OSAT and Gallery 62 directors.]

**NEXT MEETING:**

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on January 11, 2017, at 5:00 PM in the Healthy Generations meeting room, 57121 Sunnyslope Dr., Yucca Valley, CA 92284. All outgoing and incoming directors and committee members are invited to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:20 PM.

These Minutes are certified by the Secretary.

Signature           *Lenne Rosen-Kabe*           Date January 11, 2017