

**Special Board Meeting to Assign Members to Committees
Chatham Artists Guild
March 2, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm.

Members Present:

Amy Wandless, Louise Hobbs, Karen West, Leslie Palmer, Jane Eckenrode, Selden Lamoureux, Vince Pitelka, Minnie Gallman, Steevie Parks

Although the main purpose of this special board meeting was to formulate committee assignments, two committees provided updates; Education and Brochures.

Education Committee Report: Louise Hobbs

Louise presented ongoing progress in terms of finding new venues for the Emerging Artist Program and the Art Tent. The committee is leaning towards exhibiting at First Sundays in Pittsboro. Louise listed several workshops that the education committee will be providing. These were: 1. Silicone mold making, 2. PR for Members of the PR Committee and others by Leslie Palmer, and 3. A Glass Workshop for K-12 teachers in Chatham County with Janet Place, Janice Rieves, Gretchen Niver and Louise Hobbs. Jane Eckenrode reported on some Chatham County events and programs. Mallory Peterson (mallory.peterson@chathamcountync.gov) is the Recreation Program Supervisor for Chatham County. She organizes summer camps and events such as the sidewalk chalk festival. She would like to work with CAG, and mentioned there was a CAG tent at the sidewalk chalk festival a couple of years ago. Jane demonstrated nature journaling for summer camps a couple of times, once for Chatham Extension interns who would work with counselors, and once for the group of counselors and junior counselors (high school students). Jane did not think that the nature journaling was a great fit with the summer camps, partly because of the quiet, contemplative nature of journaling, but also because counselors and campers are supposed to put away their smartphones. Using apps on the phones is a big part of discoveries you make through observation and nature journaling. Jane suggested that we stay in touch with Mallory, as there may be other programs that we can work on together.

Louise will explore the possibility of setting up an EAP tent, and possibly an Art Activity Tent at First Sundays in Pittsboro.

Brochure Committee: Minnie Gallman

Amy will send an email out to the membership explaining how the board ended up deciding in favor of Option One. Option One was having Chatham Magazine send out 8000 brochures in the Nov-Jan issue with a 7500 over run. Option Two was sending 5200 copies through direct mail with a 7500 over run. She will let the members know that there was a extensive

evaluation process, and that after deliberation the board members unanimously concluded that Option One would best suit the guild's needs.

Committee Assignments: Amy Wandless

Amy directed us in a group effort to assign all working members to committees. Amy will send out an email to the membership with a link to find their committee assignments. In this letter, she will explain why some members were not placed in their first, second or third choices. She will also include a sentence or two suggesting that members give their assignments a try for a month or so before requesting a change of committee. A concentrated effort was made to place each member on those committees where their skills were most needed, while still honoring their self-reported choices.

All working members were assigned to at least one committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Steevie Jane Parks, Board Secretary