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Chatham Artists Guild Board Minutes

Meeting Started at 6:10 pm

Members Present: Amy Wandless, Vince Pitelka, Selden Lamoureux, Louise Hobbs, Janet Place, Steevie Parks

Welcome and Call to Order- Amy Wandless

Minutes- Steevie Parks

The minutes were pre-approved by the board members via email.

Treasurer's Report- Selden Lamoureux

We obtained several new sponsors, and lost one due to their company going out of business. We are behind budget with regard to our sponsorship funds by around @\$1,200. We are also behind budget @ \$2,100 with regard to our tour fees. Overall, we are \$3,300 short of projections for 2023. Nevertheless, our overall expenditures are on track. The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved after a motion from Vince Pitelka, seconded by Janet Place.

President's Report:- Amy Wandless

55 Artists are signed up for the tour in 2023, and all of them have paid. There will be 40 studios, 12 of which are shared spaces, and 28 of which are singles. Boots or Leslie or Karen will be asked to look into new ideas for storage space in 2024 as American Storage has raised their rates to 900.00 per year. We are planning to participate in First Sunday's in downtown Pittsboro in August. We will probably have an Art Activities Tent. We are also planning to participate in The County Fair in September. Steevie will get in touch with Timothy and Nancy to share materials and information about setting up the Art Activity Tent. At some point, Amy will send out a reminder to all working members re-affirming what is expected of them during the year. Amy reported that we collected 465 new email addresses from the tour in 2022, and that the participating studios each had between 10 and 118 visitors. The total number of people that signed in (minus duplicates) were over 800.

Committee Reports:

Education: Louise Hobbs

The mold making workshop will take place in two weeks. The committee updated their page on our website and Cally and Louise are in the process of reviewing the changes. Steevie will

contact Timothy and Nancy Ann to give them information about setting up the Art Activities Tent.

Public Relations: -Janet Place

Peter Cane volunteered to take studio pictures of any member who wants one to put on their Artist's Page. Diane wrote 'thank you' letters to all of our current sponsors. Janet and Minnie will work together to make sure that all of the dates and times for tour events are correct on the brochure. Amy and Selsen will be interviewed at WHCL.

Brochure: - Minnie Gallman

All info has been submitted by the 55 Artists who are participating in the tour. However, it still needs to be edited and uploaded to the brochure. Barry has been collecting all of the photos submitted,. Andrew finished the new map and it has been shared with Minnie. We should have a draft of the 2023 brochure by July 8th.

Smelt:- Leslie Palmer and Karen West (both could not attend tonight's meeting due to not feeling well but sent the following report)

We have a new neon sign for the Smelt and it will be installed shortly. We have been offered the use of the large reception space with stage to use as we wish- a reception or pop-up art show. We just need to give Tami a date.

Amy visited the Smelt during the week and found that the lighting was not as good as it was when we had the reception last Sunday. There are two setting for the lighting- during the receptions they will be on high.

The Smelt space is ours through 2024. So far one piece was sold from the current Smelt show.

Website:- Vince Pitelka

Vince went through the Thank You letters that Diane wrote. Some of the sponsors have yet to send us their logos. Diane will be contacting these sponsors to encourage them to send in their logos. The information devoted to internal education will not be advertised on the 'Main Education Page'. It will be available to members only. Vince paid 60.00 to Tucows , which will cover at least six months of domain usage for both chathamartistsguild.org and chathamartistsguild.com. Selden will re-imburse Vince for these expenses.

Fundraising:- Diane Swan and Jim Aiken

We are still working on adding a 'donate' button to the website. Janet volunteered to set up a donation page on PayPal. Chris Tomatillo will install the button on the website.

Operations:- Andrew

Andrew has finished the map for the 2023 Studio Tour.

Exhibitions and Receptions:- Boots Quimby and Janice Reeves

Amy announced an 'in person' Happy Hour this Friday. It will take place at Havoc at either 4pm or 4:30pm. We may do this once per month. We will continue to have zoom meetings on a regular basis. A Juneteenth celebration will be held in Chatham County this coming Saturday.

The next board meeting will take place on Monday, July 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Steevie Jane Parks, Board Secretary