

**Monson Arts Council Annual Board Meeting**  
**August 20, 2008**

Present: Cindy Nothe, Barbara Keffer, June Mumford, Diana Hague, Tod Beall, Reed Coles, Brent Northrup, Lynn Salem and Chris Mertens.

Minutes: The minutes of July 16, 2008 were approved with the following correction: Spelling of Ray is "Rae".

Treasurer's Report: Barbara advised that the funds of two checks that were issued and never cashed have been returned to the checking account. Barbara also advised that the CD in the amount of \$10,000 has been changed from six months to one year. Barbara also advised that the grant from Verizon in the amount of \$750 has been received.

Verizon makes this commitment for employees who volunteer 50 hours a year. Lynn Salem did more than 60 hours in six months. The Board thanked Lynn Salem for her commitment to the Arts Council and particularly to the Scholarship Committee the result of which was receiving this grant. Chris Mertens requested that a motion be made that the \$750 be designated for the Scholarship Fund. A motion was made and approved. The treasurer's report was approved.

Dance Committee: June and Diana reported that the invitations will be mailed tomorrow August 21st to the entire membership as well as various organizations and facilities. Diana also advised that two complimentary tickets as well as a letter were included in the invitations to various organizations that have supported the Arts Council as well as the Monson Savings Bank. June read a letter that was included in the invitations to those organizations receiving complimentary tickets as well as a letter inviting and encouraging various organizations to attend the dance. Diana advised that the Country Club, the Band and the Caterer have all received deposits for this event. The event will be catered by Peppers Fine Foods. Diana requested that each Board member be responsible for selling 8 tickets to the event. Cindy agreed that tickets be given to those members who are willing to sell tickets. Diana distributed tickets to the members present. Diana also advised that tickets will be on sale in front of Adam's supermarket September 6, 13 and 20. She asked for volunteers to man a booth. Brent Northrup will sell tickets on the 6th. Anyone interested in selling tickets on the 13th, please call June @267-4348 or Diana @ 267-3755.

Diana also advised that three free dance lesson will be available to twelve couples. This event will be sponsored jointly by the Library and the Arts Council. Diana suggested that the dance lessons be available to those purchasing tickets to the dance. The sign up for the lessons will be on a first come first serve basis. The lessons will be limited to twelve couples. A motion was made and passed that the Arts Council contribute \$125 and offer free dance lessons in conjunction with the purchase of one ticket to the dance. This matter requires some additional discussion with Hope Bodwel (Librarian) and final information will be available in the newsletter. Cindy asked Diana to explain to Hope that our interest in supporting the dance lessons is to ensure participation in our event. Diana advised that the next meeting of the Dance Committee would be September 2nd @ 6:30 in Memorial Hall anyone interested in participating is welcome. Additionally posters were distributed to members for posting in various locations.

Theater Committee: Cindy asked Brent if he received her e-mail regarding the woman who has play sets available for purchase. He responded that he had and will contact the woman. Brent reported dance rehearsals for the Music Man are on going. Working towards having a series of new directors one of which is Irene Thorton. Talks are ongoing with Erin Green regarding the use of Memorial Hall. Barbara advised that Richard Guertin advised her that Memorial Hall will be closed December, January, February and a part of March. He advised that it would open in time for Spring play rehearsals.

File Cabinet: The placement of the file cabinet was discussed. In view of the fact that Memorial Hall will be closed for the winter months it was decided that the cabinet will be placed in the House of Art in the room where the sale of prints is held. Keys to the file cabinet will be available to the President, Treasurer and Secretary. Additionally there was discussion regarding board meetings during the winter months. This will be discussed further at the September meeting.

Art Show Committee: No report.

Curator Committee: No report.

Scholarship Committee: Tod Beall stated that the committee has worked extremely hard at publicizing the Talent Show but unfortunately to date only four applications have been received. The committee voted to extend the entry deadline to the 8th of September and also publicize it as a Talent Show rather than an Amateur Talent Show. Tod also advised that they will need volunteers for the show and will have an article in the newsletter requesting volunteers.

Intern for Special Projects: Cindy advised that a high school intern for Arts Council special projects would be under the guidance of Nancy Bryant.

\*Following is a synopsis of reports submitted via e-mail by Jeannie Guertin:

Cori: MAC approved as a licensed agency by CORI. Dave and Lynn confirmed to attend workshop on September 15. This is too late for Music Man.

Diversity Mural: The mural is completed and looks terrific. Hanging in the High School. A plaque has been made title "Move Naturally" and includes Shelly Shicoff's name as well as three funding organizations. Dedication will be sometime before September 2nd.

Art Camp: The Art Camp was again a success. Some talk about having three weeks instead of four. Will have to finalize paperwork for cultural council so that MAC can be reimbursed for museum entry costs. The Art Camp Committee should meet with Bill to summarize the Camp and see how we did financially and make any changes necessary.

Newsletter: Things that can go in September Newsletter:

Pictures from Art Camp

Article on Music Man

30th Anniversary Dance

Article on Talent Show

Article on Memorial Hall Cleaning Project/10th Planet Donation of refreshments

Diversity Mural (Jeannie will write article)

Article on Verizon grant and Lynn's role

\*Complete e-mail attached to file copy of minutes.

**Next Meeting September 17th.**

Respectfully submitted,  
June Mumford