

## Monson Arts Council Board Meeting February 18, 2009

A meeting of the MAC Board of Directors was held at the House of Art on February 18, 2009 at 7pm with President Cindy Nothe presiding.

Present were Board Members Tod Bealle, Barbara Keffer, Lynn Salem, Reed Coles, Jeanne Guertin, Gerry DePace, Chris Mertens and invited guest Ed Reed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Keffer presented the Treasurer's Report and noted a donation of \$2000.00 by Monson Savings Bank. Our Balance is \$13,106.82. We also retain 2 CD's, one for \$10,000 and one for \$3000. The \$3000 CD is money set aside for our Scholarship Fund.

As of our April Board Meeting Barbara Keffer will be passing the Office of Treasurer to Maureen Solomon. It has been requested and agreed upon that MAC purchase Quick Book Software for Maureen to install on her computer for ease of performing treasurer's tasks. The cost is \$200.00.

The Public Charity report will be employed by accountant, Gary DePace. Motion by Gerry DePace and second by Chris Mertens and carried by the board.

Electrical problems at Memorial Hall were addressed. The Town of Monson will replace circuit breakers in the Hall. Stage lighting will be examined by Rich Dionne, Gary Monte and Mark Weber. Areas of concern will be addressed. Wooden strip lights have been removed and a replacement device for dimmers needs to be installed. MAC will provide funding for these improvements so that we may continue to use stage lighting for various events. Rich, Gary and Mark will also meet with David Beaudouin, an electrician who has raised many issues regarding the safety in use of the present system. A meeting with all the aforementioned individuals and Cindy Nothe will be held to determine exactly what needs to be done. At that point in time, a proposition will be given to the Board of Selectmen and the electrical inspector in town and hopefully, work can begin.

Business cards are to be made up by David Xanatos and should be ready for dispersal among Board Members soon.

Student Intern, Allison Hope, is earning much experience by assisting Nancy Bryant with event planning, publicity and prep-work. Allison has been working Tuesday through Friday 10:45 to 11:50 am. We're hoping to have her assist us with up-coming events utilizing her talents to the fullest.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This report given by Barbara Keffer. Renewed members are: June Mumford, Barbara Keffer, Cindy Nothe, Chris Mertens, Gerry DePace, Lynn Salem, Tod Bealle, Reed Coles, Jeannie Guertin and Holly Belanger.

New nominees are: Ed Reed 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lucy Shrenker, Maureen Solomon. Joanne Fortier will attend the next Board Meeting and decide shortly thereafter if she would be interested in serving.

BY-LAW COMMITTEE: No report

### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Tod Bealle reported that \$3000.00 has been deposited in a CD at Monson Savings Bank and that the Scholarship form has been created (\$1000.00) and will be entered on the Monson High School Scholarship booklet. We should be hearing from applicants within the next few months.

### THEATER COMMITTEE

Report given by Barbara Keffer. Due to electrical problems at Memorial Hall plus a poor turn-out for auditions, the spring play will be cancelled. Our fall play Fiddler on the Roof will take place in October and we will concentrate on making this a most successful endeavor.

Brick Road Productions graciously offered to perform at a venue to be announced and share some of the profits with MAC, however, we decided to forego any plays for the spring at the present time.

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### ART SHOW COMMITTEE

It is noted that the Spring Art Show is set and Bruce McDonald has been chosen as a judge for this show. It appears "all is set to go".

### ART CAMP COMMITTEE

Report by Jeannie Guertin

This the third year sponsoring an art camp. We are hoping to continue with 4 weeks of activities. The fourth week will be dedicated to 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Cut-off will be established if less than 12 students register for a week. Those students will be re-directed to another week. Fee for each applicant will be \$165.00 per week. The rental fee charged by the town to utilize the school for 2009 will be \$500.00.

A Field Trip to the Quadrangle in Springfield is in the process of being planned.

CURATOR COMMITTEE No report

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT Membership dues keep trickling in. Discussion by Jeanne Guertin as to how to send membership renewal notices. It was decided to send a separate slip of paper with membership application enclosed in the newsletter as a reminder for our members to renew.

### NEWSLETTER

Please submit articles to be published in the Newsletter by March 7<sup>th</sup>.

It was decided that we need to draft Guidelines for the use of the House of Art/Memorial Hall. The cost of fuel and power and general maintenance is high. Several groups use the buildings and perhaps we should charge a security deposit for use in case any damage occurs. No conclusions were drawn on this topic, however it should be open to future discussion.

The next meeting of the MAC will take place on March 18 at 7pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Barbara Keffer, second by Lynn Salem, carried by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Mertens (Board Member)