



Monson Arts Council Board Meeting March 18, 2009

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

Present were Board Members Tod Beall, Gerry DePace, Lynn Salem, Reed Coles, Holly Boulanger and Chris Mertens. Also present were invited guests Maureen Solomon, Emy Shepherd and Joanne Fortier.

Minutes of the February 18 meeting were read by all. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Reed Coles. Second by Tod. Carried by the Board.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Maureen Solomon. Balance as of February 28 is \$12,530.22 plus one CD of \$10,000 and another of \$3000. Motion for approval of the Treasurer's Report was made by Holly and second by Tod. Carried by the Board.

Invited guest Emy Shepherd presented us with information on the upcoming "Brush Up the Keep", a Paint-a-Thon to be held in the month of April. It is an effort by the members of Keep Homestead Museum to prep and paint the Museum. Emy is looking for volunteers for this community project and has asked the Arts Council to help in any way. Tod Beall has volunteered some equipment as well as his painting skills. Reed Coles will provide much needed equipment. If interested in helping, please visit www.keephomesteadmuseum.org and click on Paint-a-thon to see what is needed or call Emy Shepherd at 267-4137 to volunteer.

Electrical repairs to Memorial Hall have been made. Gary Monty and Dave Beaudouin have discussed repairs that need to be done to update stage lighting in the Hall. Gary said that he would contact Richard Guertin about next steps to ensure that the hall can be opened to the public in the spring as planned. The Arts Council has been so fortunate as to have a wonderful intern, Allison Hope, who has been performing a variety of tasks for the Art Show under the guidance and instruction of Nancy Bryant. She has been making necessary phone calls and compiling a list of emails of Arts Council members. Once we have a more complete list of addresses, we hope to be able to send the Newsletter out electronically.

Dave Xanatos will order the MAC business cards and hopefully, we will have them soon.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Barbara Keffer submitted a report of this committee: The following members accepted a three year term. Jeannie Guertin, Tod Beall, Maureen Solomon, Reed Coles, Lucy Shrenker, Ed Reed, III, Barbara Keffer and Holly Boulanger. Remaining on the Board until 3/31/11 are Gerry Depace and Lynn Salem. Remaining until 3/31/10 are June Mumford and Chris Mertens.

Members accepting nominations as officers are President-Cindy Nothe, Vice President-Tod Beall, Treasurer-Maureen Solomon, Membership Secretary-Jeannie Guertin and Clerk/Recording and Corresponding Secretary-Christine Mertens.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:

Cindy Nothe presented changes in the By-laws of the MAC. Members were sent email copies to peruse prior to this meeting. Proposed changes were discussed and voted upon. A motion was made by Tod to accept these changes. Second by Lynn. Carried by the Board.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

The Scholarship booklet printed by Monson High School was sent to Tod Beall by Bob Bardwell, the guidance counselor. After looking at the scholarship information form, Tod was pleased that it was inserted into the booklet as written and without error. Tod will set up a date for the Scholarship Committee to meet and start planning our Talent Show.

THEATER COMMITTEE:

Theater Committee has not met in a few months. Information flows through telephone calls. "Fiddler on the Roof" will be presented as our fall play on November 13,14,15 and 20,21 & 22. Ray and Denise

Suprenant will produce the show and Brent Northup will direct it. More information will be forthcoming.

ART SHOW COMMITTEE:

Maureen Solomon presented a requested budget for the Art Show . Projected Income is \$8100 and Total Projected Expenses are \$8090. We have two sponsors for this show. One being the Monson Savings Bank . The second is the Valley Advocate. We will place an ad in the Advocate and also place press releases and blurbs in this publication. The Art Exhibit will take place from April 17 through May 3. A variety of events will occur surrounding the Exhibit including performances by musicians . Maureen will contact the appropriate person to decide when our advertising banner can be hung.

ART CAMP COMMITTEE: No report.

CURATOR COMMITTEE: No report.

OFFICER REPORT: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Cindy proposed a full page ad for the Summerfest Booklet from the Arts Council. The cost is \$105.

Motion to accept by Chris, second by Gerry. Motion carried by Board.

Motion was made to renew our liability policy. The annual premium is \$744. Motion was made to renew for one year by Gerry, second by Tod. Carried by the Board.

In the next year, we would like to research for a more reasonable rate if it is available.

A reminder by Cindy Nothe for committee members to submit an article to xanatos.xanatos.com to update information on monsonartscouncil.com

The annual meeting will take place on April 15 at 7pm at HOA. Voting for new officers and Board members will take place at this time. We will be able to view the Art Exhibit at this time and has a tasty morsel of food provided by the MAC. Hope to see you there.

Motion to adjourn by Holly, second by Lynn. All agreed. Meeting Adjourned!

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Mertens (Board Member)