

Manchester Art Association Member meeting

January 18, 2012

Meeting commenced at 7:20 pm with 36 members and 2 visitors in attendance.

President Carolyn Gimbrone welcomed everyone. Emily Beckwith approved the minutes from the December meeting and Sara Reid seconded it. All were in favor.

John Kelly treasurer gave his report and mentioned membership money was still coming in. There was also mention of a future audit. There are 33 t-shirts left. Carolyn mentioned that given the relatively low worth of the tee-shirt inventory and other depreciating assets that it would be better not to include these items on MAA's balance sheet. Next month's financial statement will only reflect monetary assets. John said we are recovering financially and doing well. MAA is running smoothly thanks in part to the new slate and the many volunteers that have come forward to work on committees.

Linda Lilling said membership is now up to 69 and increasing, she believes due to the change over. Carolyn thanked Linda for all her efforts.

Helena Deary will now chair the Town Hall show along with co-chair Ann Martell. Helena mentioned the show would now be April and May instead of January in hopes the odds are in our favor for good weather. April 5th will be the drop off with a \$5.00 hanging fee per entry, for up to 3 paintings. The reception will be on April 13th. The mayor has been invited along with other town officials. There will be a harpist. Take down will be May 31st. More info will come as the date nears.

Terri Butler will chair the South Windsor Library show next October along with co-chair Nancy McIntire. More information will be provided closer to the show.

Sara Reid continues to be the contact person for the Manchester Hospital gallery. The next juried show drop off will be March 15th from 4:00-6:00p.m. Entry fees are \$10.00 for the first piece and \$5.00 for each additional piece. There will be monetary prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and honorable mention. There is no theme. The reception will be March 22nd.

Emily Beckwith is now in charge of hospitality. Please contact her if you would like to sign up to bring a snack to a member meeting.

Chris Larson spoke about the website and the future plans to enhance it along with Susan Aitner. They along with Carolyn Gimbrone have been meeting to go over these plans and mentioned if anyone else would like to help out to contact Chris. Chris also talked about the Show in the Park to be held on June 3rd and the new committee. This year it will focus on fine arts, crafts and antiques. Hopefully this will draw in new people.

Carolyn mentioned the first meeting of the bylaw review and revision committee will be January 31st at 2:00pm at Doris Johnson's house. The committee is Doris Johnson, Nancy McIntire, Helena Deary, Grace Tedford, Sue Hollister, and Carolyn Gimbrone. Others are welcome to join.

The 2-page questionnaire is on the website if you need to print it and mail it to Carolyn. All of this information presented tonight will be on the Manchesterart.org website.

Joyce Hodgson, Executive Director of the Little Theater of Manchester and Vice-Chair of the Manchester Arts Commission sent a personal invite to all MAA artists from the the Commission's

Artists Meet & Greet Networking Event at Mulberry Street Pizza on Feb. 6th from 6 -8 pm to promote the arts in town. Bring your business card and mingle with other artists. Joyce also mentioned the 'Vagina Monologues' will be presented in June at Cheney Hall. She would like artwork from MAA. Twelve pieces will be chosen that either honor a female artist or promote womanhood. More information will come as the date nears.

Carolyn and Helena met with Scott Sprague, Director of Parks and Recreation, about office space at the Community Y. The BOD approved making a formal request to the town for the office space at a cost of \$1.00 per year. We will be able to keep records there and possibly hold workshops in an adjacent meeting space.

Carolyn mentioned Alfred "Woody" Woodward a longtime MAA member passed away on Dec 24, 2011. In honor of Woody who was a portrait artist, the board voted to purchase and donate a portrait drawing book to the Mary Cheney library. The book was on display at the meeting. The intention of the board is to purchase art books in the future in memory of MAA members that have passed away.

In other member news: Nancy McIntire's painting will be on the Reminder Yellow Pages cover. Steve Sottile will be teaching a credit free course at MCC . White Line Woodblock Printmaking. Steve has a B.F.A. in printmaking from the University of Connecticut with more than 30 years experience in printmaking. Member Natalie Piendel will be teaching two courses, Retrain Your Brain and Become an Artist and Learn to Draw Portraits. Natalie is an award winning artist.

Victoria Dubiel announced the artists of the month that were judged by the demonstrator Carolyn Emerson:

- 1st place: Wheel of Life – Penny Brandt, Mary Cheney Library
- 2nd place – Frozen Over – Nijole Currie, The Arbors
- 3rd place – Stage Harbor Lighthouse, Emilie Beckwith, First Niagara
- Honorable mention – Trilogy – Marlane McKenzie, Webster Bank
- Honorable mention- Raindrops on Rose, Susan Aitner, Whiton Library

Vice President Sara Reid mentioned the change over at Katherine's Hair Design gallery will be Feb. 28th from 4-6 pm; the Meet & Greet the Artists is on March 8th from 6 - 7:30 pm.

Penney Brandt motioned to conclude the meeting and Emilie Beckwith seconded it. All were in favor. Sara Reid introduced the demonstrator, water color artist and member Carolyn Emerson. Carolyn has generously waived the customary demonstrator's fee, preferring to have the funds used toward one of MAA's scholarships.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Minutes respectfully submitted by MAA secretary Terri Butler