

MAA Members meeting November 16, 2011
The meeting commenced at 7:15

There were 32 members present.

Helena Deary moved to accept the past member's meeting minutes. Emily Beckwith seconded it. All were in favor.

President Carolyn Gimbrone spoke about relying on the MAA website to inform members and emailing with blind copies to members and paper copies to those that do not have email. Members were asked for suggestions on to improve communications. Carolyn mentioned that Susan Aitner has volunteered to work on communications as well as help Chris Larson with the website. We will be using Chris Larson's email address to notify members until MAA is able to get its own.

Sara Reid spoke about Katherine's Hair Salon and hanging MAA members's paintings there. It will be on a 3 month cycle like the hospital. Sara will be the contact person. Drop off will be Nov 28th from 4-6. The meet and greet the artist's reception will be on Dec 3, 2011 at the salon, 695 Main street in Manchester. from 1 - 3 pm. Katherine will take a 20% commission for anything sold for cash or check and 25% for paintings bought with a credit card.

Helena Deary and Doris Johnson volunteered to work on the Bylaw review and revision committee. The board is hoping to find an old copy of the original bylaws.

Fundraising from the craft show at MCC has netted MAA over \$2400.00. Carolyn thanked everyone who helped to make the show a success. We need to work hard and choose which fundraising events we will keep in the future, being careful not to spread ourselves too thin.

A request was made for a chair person for the show in the Park, and also someone to chair refreshments for our member meetings. There was mention that it was unfortunate all of the demonstrators for next year were cancelled. Calls to them will be made and if they choose not to demonstrate new artists will be called. December will be the holiday gathering. This will be a time to socialize and have the art of the month judged by the members. It will be a potluck of finger foods, appetizers and desserts. We will also have an optional gift grab-bag. Gifts are not to exceed \$10 and if possible be either handmade or art-related.

Carolyn suggested we change our annual meeting back to May instead of October and said this would be discussed at the next board meeting.

At this time the meeting was opened up to the members for questions.

Nancy McIntire asked about the scholarship money raised at Chops and Catch. Carolyn and Sara had gone to the restaurant to speak with the manager and he said a check had

not been sent yet but will be soon. It will be sent to MAA and then deposited into the Manchester Art Association scholarship account.

Artists of the month were:

1. First place, Red Sail by Michaela Gordon will be at the Mary Cheney library
2. Second place, a Christmas calligraphy, Marlene Mc Kenzie, will be at the Arbors
3. Third place, Iris, Betsy Barret will be at First Niagra
4. First honorable mention, Geraniums, Olivia Golas will be at Webster bank
5. Second honorable mention, Betty Rousseau will be at the Whiton library

Betsy Barrett mentioned she sold a painting last month that had been on view at First Niagra.

Three new members were asked to stand and be recognized: Maricarmen Gonzalez and Doris Philips. Visitor Carolyn Russo was also introduced.

Sara then introduced the demonstrator Rachel Miller.

John Kelly the treasurer arrived late with an accounting of the last month. A paper copy of the treasurer's report was handed out and filed for future audit.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40

Minutes respectfully submitted by Terri Butler, MAA secretary