

**Manchester Art Association
Member Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2023**

OPENING: President Carolyn Emerson opened the meeting and turned it over to **The MAA Scholarships Presentation by Bonnie Lindland.** Bonnie thanked the entire *Impressionists* crew for raising the monies for the scholarship fund and the Board as well for voting for the allocations of one \$2,000 and two \$1,000 awards as follows:

First Place: \$2,000 to Jordan Trares of Manchester HS

Second Places:

- (1) Tyrique Martin of South Windsor HS and The Hartford Academy of the Arts
- (2) Sofia Brummitt of Glastonbury HS

Bonnie introduced each student and their accomplishments, and their college choices while each student had an art piece on display for the membership to see.

Carolyn awarded the certificates as well as a one year membership in MAA. Bonnie Lindland will see to it that their scholarship money is sent to their chosen schools.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Dumais reported \$18,376.32 as of 4/30/23 and predicted a balance of \$11,257.00 by the end of year in May.

Membership Report: Deb Parker happily announced a new total of #104 paid members of which 4 are honorary; 24 are new; and 76 are renewals.

Workshops: Emily Beckwith announced a busy Fall line-up:

October -- Pastel with Karen Israel
November -- Watercolor with Joe Burger
January -- Acrylic with Scott Rhoades
March-April -- Abstraction with Polly Castor

Exhibits: Janet Heller started with Art in The Park and reminded the membership to read the Newsletter for current information.

Upcoming will be:

Town Hall -- Pastel -- July 13, 2023;
South Windsor Library -- all media/all member;
Town Hall -- Acrylic -- October.

Art in The Park: Deb Parker reviewed specifics: Registration closes June 2; unframed art must have the artists name and price and will be placed in cradles. Volunteers are needed to help Jan McCollum with picking up the equipment; tables and chairs, etc. earlier than 8:30 and breaking down at 4:00.

Austin Pouliot will be creating another interactive mural to be completed that day and 6 people will be needed for 2 hour intervals to help with the interactions during that time.

A volunteer sign up sheet was passed around. Deb also is trying to acquire a small plexiglass box to display jewelry, etc. She welcomed all and any suggestions to be sent to her.

Fund Raising: Sue Masse donned her black Beret to report on the enormous success of the fundraiser, thanking all the participants and all Committee Heads: Eric Vogel for Facilitators /Sharon Quaglia for Food/ Bonnie Lindland for Decor/ Laura Kinlock for Painting/Ben Corbet for being MC. She reported net earnings of \$4,100 overall with ticket sales #139 bringing in approximately \$3,000; #23 paintings (\$50 each) sold bringing in \$1200; raffle bringing in \$400 and donations totaling \$300. Expenses totaled \$800.

Nominations Committee: Chris Larson, Deb Parker, and Carolyn Gimbrone compiled the 2023-2024 Slate of Officers and Carolyn Emerson led the vote. A quorum of 42 was reached between online and in-person voting so the slate was legally voted in by a quorum of the membership. Formal thank you's and welcoming of old and new board/committee members will be done in September.

Learning by Critique: Introduction of the Artist, Shauna Shane by Emily Beckwith.

Art of The Month: Mike Harrington & Louise Cook.
Judged by our guest Artist, Shauna Shane

First Place -- Victoria Dubiels/photograph -- Sustentation - The Arbors
Second Place - -Doris Philips/Oil -- Charlie -- Wilton Library
Third Place -- Bina Nair/Acrylic -- Warli (Indian Art) -- Mary Cheney Library

The Critique Followed

The Honoring of the now retired President Carolyn Emerson by the New President Deb Parker: Kudos, Thanks, and Appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith E. Goldstein
MAA Secretary