

Ouray County Arts Association
Minutes January 21, 2020
Ridgway Library, Ridgway, CO

I Call to Order and attendance:

In attendance: Judy Hazen, Mike Simpson, Barb Kendrick, Natalie Heller, Becky Suppeland, Bonnie Heidbrak.

Judy advised that due to family medical needs, Margaret Henderson has resigned and will not be able to work with Bonnie on promoting the 2020 AAH show. Barbara will work with Bonnie and Judy to fill the vacancy.

II Approval of Minutes December 17, 2019:

Judy noted that only one slight wording revision was made in order to clarify the motion regarding authorized bank signatures, but no changes of any substance.

III Treasurer's Report:

- No printed report for this month; however, Judy reported that the books have been delivered to the auditor. Laurie Bunten's recollection is that the bylaws only require that the prior year's financials be audited unless some problem is found, in which case the audit may need to go back into prior years. Laurie also estimated the cost to be between \$200 and \$300.
- There are 3 checks to be deposited.
- In response to Judy's grant request we received \$500 from the Massard Grant.
- There is grant called "Duck Soup" for non-profit computer equipment and digital needs which could provide funds for a laptop. Tim Stewart is a local computer consultant who offered to be a resource if we want to purchase a reasonable used laptop instead of a new one.
- Sandy still has the association's Quick Books CDs. Judy will contact her. Becky said she wants to continue using Quick Books because the previous financials are in that program.
- Our 501c(3) status is still pending reinstatement. Once the renewal process is complete, the status will be retroactive.

IV Old Business

- **WOH art shows upcoming:** Before leaving on her trip Bobbie sent an email to the Board members updating everyone on the upcoming Wright Opera House shows.
- The next opening is February 1 from 4 - 6 pm, and all Board members are requested to attend if possible. Natalie and Noble will assist with taking down the current show and hanging the next one.
- **Membership Update:** Natalie is in possession of the membership files, but she is still working on how to convert/export Excel spreadsheet records to label format in order to print labels.

- **Website report:** Natalie reported that the website is in good order. She will put all the posters for upcoming Wright Opera House shows on the website, and also images of the artists' work if she receives any. Bonnie asked if members could renew online, and was advised that the website is capable of taking membership payments.
- **Equipment update:** Mike was unable to check on the equipment at the Community Center because it was closed for the holiday, but the consensus was that things seem to be moving along.
- **Other:** Online Juried Shows has changed ownership, but Natalie reported that she checked the site, and all of our last 2 years' show registrations and information appear online just as before. Natalie will follow-up with the new owners by phone.

V New Business

- **Judges AAH 2020:** Judy reported that both John Cogan and Glen Randall have accepted our invitation to judge this year's show; Cogan for fine art, and Randall for photography. John Cogan is from New Mexico and Glen Randall from Boulder, CO. There was a discussion of ways to minimize judges' travel expenses, and Judy thanked Natalie and Noble for their offer to provide housing for Glen Randall.
- There was a discussion of pros and cons of presenting profitable workshops in connection with the show, but no decision was reached.
- There was also a discussion of ways to a) entice more members to become active and b) possible collaborations with Weehawken and Montrose Center for the Arts. Mike will broach the subject with MCA's leadership.
- Grant Funding status: See Treasurer's report.
- Library availability for meetings has been extended beyond February due to construction delay.

VI. Adjournment and date of next meeting:

10am, February 25, 2020, Ridgway Library

Motion to adjourn by Bonnie, seconded by Mike.

Meeting adjourned 11:10 am

*Minutes respectfully submitted,
by Barbara Kendrick for
Loretta Casler, Recording Secretary
1/21/2020*