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Board Meeting Minutes: March 21, 2016 Next Meeting: April 18, 2016

Board Members Present: Jescia, Michelle, Scott, Dan, Mandel, Alissa, Karen, Connie **(no quorum)**

Not Present: Troy, Melissa, Sarah, McCal

Others: Jon Offutt

Secretary

1. February Minutes approval postponed to April

Treasurer

1. Arts Partnership dues may need to be more based on our in-kind/balance?
2. Michelle can mail checks for reimbursements/payments if she's not around – send her receipts
3. Tablet/square donation for events

Old Business:

1. **Physical Space:** A reasonable insurance offer was secured. Do we need to vote to move \$ saved from printing to this budget item?

Discussion:

- a. Printing is necessary as it is considered a “member benefit” – Jon
- b. Unsure if we as a board have decided on even going with the physical space – meeting space size, keys, TAP contingencies, what is the value of the space to the members? Jon is meeting with Andy Maus (Thurs) for 2nd floor of Plains C4C; take building for a year, keep track of its use and deliberate what its use is; seems like a glorified storage space, which is a lot for the expense
- c. Michelle motions, Dan seconds, to send out electronic information that gives details of current space for one year lease to be paid partially by non-printing of directory, and vote by Friday (Sarah/Jescia)

2. **Arts ND Conference March 7th** – 7 FMVA board members were present, FMVA was very well represented!

Should we designate money or apply for grants for next year?

1. Conference is biannual; about 80 attendees
2. Primarily about advocating to legislature for arts funding; avoid form letters, be original to make an impact

New Business:

1. Studio Crawl- 39 participants
2. Sir Speedy vs. Short Printer? (Short Printer is better for artistic prints)
3. **FMVA Artist “dates”** with John Berdahl – Looking into starting an interview-like series where John goes .“art dates” to get to know and feature each of our members. (\$35 per session) Currently looking into how many we can budget out for a trial and look into for funding more next year.

These can be built up as a library and can be featured on our website and blog (Postpone vote until next month)

Programming/ Shows:

Constraint Show 2016- Touch – McCal Joy and Trudy Johnson

- a. Posters – Cody made his draft, currently making revisions, should be ready for release this next week – Volunteers to go around and hang?
- b. Send email to promote proposals SOON

NDSU Memorial Union- Sarah

Jon- check with Anthony to obtain a list of FMVA members who applied and did not get accepted? (Communications Committee- will contact these people and personally invite them to the FMVA Big Show)

VAS/ Critiques- (Sarah and Mindy)

Dennis Krull and 5foot20 design lounge agreed to host for a May event – Sarah and Mindy are currently putting together date/time/descriptions to give to communications

Little Show- Jackie Anderson and Alissa Allery

- c. Art Pick up for April 29th reminder will need to be sent to all participants sometime next month – Alissa?

Big Show- Mandel Mertz, Connie Riedman, Jescia Hopper

Press Release Scheduled? Melissa?- (Forum Article!)

- d. Posters printed - Are they hung up? Volunteers? Karen
- e. Participants should be contacted and reminded of Drop off date/times, hanging requirements, and asked for any help filling volunteer vacancies in hanging, reception set up, food/goodies, take-down etc. Mandel
- f. Update check in binder – Jescia – check on membership status

Art Education Show: Jescia Hopper and Megan Johnson

Visual Talks: Jescia and Dan

Draw-Ins:

Possibly at the Rourke or Fargo Zoo for June?

Art Burn- Melissa

Art Meet and Greet- Karen Perry Anderson

October 18, 2016 at the Rourke

Holiday Art Sale- Mandel Mertz

Committees:

Membership- Connie Riedman, Karen Perry Anderson, Troy Peterson

1. **Directory plan/update:** Electronic this year due to website and data base issues. Things that need to be fixed: Membership designated e-mail, Kat recommended to invest in purchasing tech support for the paid memberships pro plugin. She can't access the support forums without paying for it.
2. Paper directory, electronic directory, brochure creations/locations, recruitment, lapsed members
4. Kat found the problem with reminding people of their lapsing membership
5. Discussion on printing/not printing directory; would take at least one month to design/print/mail; Jon thinks we would lose Jackie/Little Show by not printing
 - a. Send electronic copy, ask for changes, printed copy will follow

Programming Committee- McCal Joy, Mandel Mertz, Sarah Dotzenrod

1. **Review/Data:** February Visual Talk: 33 in attendance
2. **Exhibitions Updates:**
 - NDSU – Sarah is following up with Anthony for future collaborations
 - Little Show – 31 participants (26 last year)
3. Big Show - Number of this year's entries = +/- 40 entries; **deadline extension – has this been announced?** Karen volunteers to hang posters
 - a. Art Tags - Jescia
 - b. Volunteers for drop off at Hjemkomst are set between Mandel, Mindy, & Jescia on April 5th
 - c. Jackie Anderson is arranging April 6th
 - d. Hanging takes place April 7-9th Volunteers? Jescia
 - e. Art Reception update – Hornbachers & Ameripride – Mandel?
4. Constraint Show – McCal – Proposal Forms/Drafts Due on March 21st - # of current submissions? 5
 - a. Meeting set with HCSCC after draft proposals collected – Date set? (McCal)
 - b. Barrage of social media posts to hype the proposal deadline, assuage fears

Communications- MeLissa Kossick, Scott Seiler, Alissa Allery

1. **Merchandise-** Scott
 1. T-shirts are ordered!
 - a. **Need a square soon;** otherwise cash or check
 - b. **Scott has a square account;** can be reimbursed
 2. Mandel would like to vote on buying stickers for publicity
2. Social Media assignments need restructuring



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Education- Jescia Hopper and Dan Francis

Next Meeting: Wed, April 6th 6pm

Update from committee:

May Visual Talk – Sabrina Hornung

Constraint assist – help find additional resources for artists?

1. Jacinta offered partnership with Rourke and Education/FMVA for workshops, possible Continuing Ed Credits

Professional Practices- Brenda Luthi

Looking into future Juried Show guidelines/best practices for our organization

Executive Committee:

Meeting Early April

Mandel motions to adjourn. Michelle seconds. Adjourned.