



Minutes of the MOPACA Board of Directors' Meeting, 3rd August, 2016

Present: Theresa Kaiser, Steve Rush, Terry Passanante, Beverly Stock, Sheri Jacoby, Audrey Kruse, and Jeanette Campbell.

The meeting was called to order by Theresa Kaiser at 8:06pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 1st June, 2016 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Audrey reported that Fiber U had returned a profit of \$1746.80. This was less than the anticipated profit of \$2052.00. The number of attendees was lower than expected but expenses were also lower, particularly for advertising. Audrey felt that delays in communication, the fair happening at the same time and the possible effect of the event being the weekend after July 4th, may have contributed to the lower numbers. The biggest issue for the MOPACA budget was membership dues. The budgeted income was \$6000 but to date only \$2940 had been received. There were nine sponsors who received free memberships as part of their package. Although this did not appear in the MIAS budget, the money for these needed to be paid from the show proceeds. Audrey had called everyone on the membership list that had not renewed. Steve and Terry both volunteered to help with further follow up. The MIAS budget for 2016 had not been closed out yet. Audrey indicated that \$4600 had been allocated for website maintenance but to date only \$491 had been spent. The \$1000 for the Student Design Competition had not been awarded. The Administrative Assistant costs were higher than expected. Theresa would discuss this with Gwen.

Committee Reports:

Publicity: No update.

Website: No update.

Newsletter: Liz Vahlkamp was still working on the newsletter.

Fiber U: Audrey reported that Liz Mitchko was getting the bookmarks ready. These are used in advertising. The budget had not yet been prepared. Audrey felt there was a lot of redundant record keeping which created work. She questioned whether students should be able to sign up for classes online, but understood that this would take additional funds and work on the website.

MIAS: Theresa had not finalized details for the 2017 venue. She was exploring the possibility of different venues as the Hale Arena was very expensive. She was also exploring the idea of moving the event to the Fall to avoid the issue of the timing of the Nationals. She had not secured all the volunteers necessary to run the show. Key people were registrar and publicity. She had talked to two potential volunteers at Fiber U. Also the show photographer was not available. She would work on the budget for the next meeting.

New Business: Theresa had prepared a draft letter to members indicating that the organization was at a crossroads where it needed income and members. The letter was discussed along with amendments offered by Terry. Theresa agreed to redraft her letter and make it available for discussion. A survey of members would be conducted following the distribution of the letter to members. Concern was expressed about the future of MOPACA if we could not recruit members and offer them benefits that they saw as valuable.

It was decided to change the date of the next meeting to allow the Treasurer time to prepare her report. The next meeting will be 8th September, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned by Theresa at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Campbell

MOPACA Secretary.