Minutes of the MOPACA Board of Directors’ Meeting, 12th January, 2017

Present: Steve Rush, Terry Passanante, Theresa Kaiser, Beverly Stock, Sheri Jacoby, Patti Jones and Jeanette Campbell. Stacey Blank also joined the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Rush at 8:04pm.

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

Treasurer’s Report: Patti reported that she had not yet been able to talk to Liza Wright, the CPA. She had a phone call booked for later that evening. It appeared that the CPA was handling tax returns and auditing records. We did not have a breakdown of the charges. Patti suggested that we might have to look for another CPA who was more open and kept the organization updated. Patti also suggested that the treasurer information for past years should be held in storage and not sent around from one treasurer to another.

Patti had to leave the meeting and Steve suggested that everyone should study the proposed 2017 budget and be ready to discuss at the next meeting.

We were still waiting for invoices from the website administrator. There was $1200 allocated for website maintenance in the 2017 budget. There was also a monthly fee of $40 for Constant Contact. The allocation for the Administrative Assistant was $2500. As the previous Administrative Assistant had been tardy in providing invoices, it was not know if this amount was adequate. It was suggested that this amount could be accepted and reviewed mid year if necessary.

It was noted that Stacey Blank had accepted the position of Administrative Assistant. It was hoped that Gwen Wolff would be able to send her information soon.

Committee reports

Education: Sharon Heimes reported that only 6 people had registered for the winter seminar to date. It was agreed that another e-blast should be sent.

Newsletter: Liz Vahlkamp planned to talk to Theresa about the show and also wanted information from the Board for the newsletter.

MIAS: Theresa reported that due dates for the Spin-off had been extended again. It was unclear if this would produce more entries. Fiber Arts also had few entries but it was too early to consider cancellation. We now had a show photographer.
Fiber U: The 2017 budget had been approved and arrangements were moving forward.

Old Business:

Election: The 2016 election had still not taken place. It was vital that this take place as soon as possible. Stacey Blank was interested in standing for the Secretary’s position but there was no interest in the Board member position.

MIAS 2018: Theresa had decided that she did not want to be the coordinator for the 2018 MOPACA show. It was suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed to look for a coordinator. An alternative venue would also need to be discussed.

Member Survey: This had not yet been sent to members. Theresa agreed to contact Gwen to see if this could be sent.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Campbell

MOPACA Secretary