

**Hopkinsville Art Guild  
Executive Committee Meeting  
June 12, 2014  
Bradford Square Mall**

**President Carolyn Self called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.**

**Committee Members Present:** Janice Cayce, Tanya Ezell, Nada Fuqua, Henrietta Kemp, Betty Liles, Carolyn Self, Lynn Shepherd, and Betty Vinson. Other members present were Jeff Ezell, Jim Mason, Nancy Stalls, and Jim Wille and Denise Veazey.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were handed out by Secretary, Tanya Ezell, and accepted as submitted, with two corrections. The "Bradford Pear Mall" should be corrected to "Bradford Square Mall," and the Financial Report was off by one cent. The balance on the bank statement on April 30 should be \$5,663.98 and the balance in the tax account should be \$848.63.

**Treasury Report:** Treasurer Janice Cayce handed out the financial report before the meeting started. The Bank balance on May 30 was \$4,839.28 and the balance on the sales tax account was \$1,048.64. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Old Business:**

**Fund Raising:** Carolyn reported that letters to individual potential donors have brought in \$2,300.00 so far. A copy of the fundraising letter sent to individual donors is attached. Betty Vinson has agreed to send out thank you notes to the people who respond to the letter.

Round two of fundraising letters will be sent to industrial and business companies. The letter will explain all the things the Art Guild does and why we need the money. It will invite industry and businesses to become corporate sponsors who will continue to sponsor activities from year to year.

**Membership:** Betty Liles asked members to send their membership forms to her, including their survey of interests. She wants members to put their money for membership in the money box, clearly marked to explain whose membership the money is for and the amount turned in.

**Gallery Committee:** A BIG thank you to Terry Fuqua for replacing burnt-out lights in the Gallery. Since, many of the members live out of town and have to travel great distances to come to the Gallery, the number of people who can afford to volunteer for this job is limited. Our thanks go out to Dave Russell who has agreed to be the Volunteer Coordinator, taking over this very important job. Jim Mason and Terry Fuqua have agreed to be gallery facility coordinators.

**Publicity Committee:**

- Henrietta passed around a thank you note from the students at Christian County High School thanking us for the reception and awards given out at the High School Juried Art Contest reception.
- We have pictures of participants taken at the recent multi-media workshop and these will be posted on our Facebook page.
- We received a letter from the Mayor thanking the Guild for the banners downtown.
- We also received a letter from the Chamber of Commerce thanking us for donations to their silent auction.

- We will contact the New Era, asking them to publish information about our Kid's Summer Art Camp. Betty Liles agreed to post information on our Facebook as well as posting pictures of our Kid's Summer Camp taken last year.
- Dave Russell has been showing his bottle lamps at the Farmers' Market every Saturday and has had some success selling them. He has also sold some of our "Spring Fling" art along with his bottle art. We appreciate him for selling "Spring Fling" pictures on behalf of the Guild.

#### **Possible Planned Events:**

1. Holly Boggess, Hopkinsville Downtown Renaissance Coordinator, spoke to the Executive Committee about various activities she hopes to work on in conjunction with the Guild. She foresees using the two renovated parks, Peace Park and Virginia Park in the vicinity of the L&N for all kinds of activities. She suggested the Guild might want to hold painting parties there from time to time. There are currently six tables in Peace Park. Jennifer Brown is suggested in an editorial that someone construct structures that look like bird houses that will hold free books. People can read the books in the park or take them home. She plans a similar structure for Jeffer's Bend.
2. Carolyn suggested showcasing arts and crafts by senior citizens in the Gallery sometime in August. She thought we should hold a reception with "tea and crumpets" sometime during the day, since some of the seniors don't like getting out at night. We will advertise in the paper and at several senior citizen centers and ask for entries by August first - then hang the exhibit and have an open house on August tenth. We will not sell the entries, but will post the price of the entry or "N.F.S." along with the artist's name and telephone number, so the artist can be contacted if anyone wants to buy the work.
3. From October 2 through November 17, the Arts Council will host the Big Read in Hopkinsville. On Nov. 14 they will show "The Maltese Falcon" at the Alhambra. The Arts Council will advertise "The Big Read" featuring all kinds of activities connected with the "Maltese Falcon". Henrietta suggested two options for events the Guild could hold during "The Big Read". One option is to have a Noir Pencil drawing workshop related to the "Maltese Falcon". A second option is based on a book called "The Malted Falcon" which is a book for children featuring a gecko that is a detective who goes through all kinds of exciting exploits. We could hold some kind of activity for fifth and sixth graders based on that book. Betty Vincent suggested that, along with reading the book, we could have pages to color and a puppet show to attract the kids.
4. Denise suggested combining a food tasting with art in some way. Carolyn suggested we should explore using that idea to kick off the restaurant cookbook we have discussed. One example is the murals on the wall by Linda Pierce at Da Vinci's.
5. We will hold the Pennyroyal Juried Art Contest in October. Nancy Stalls, Guy Bozard and Jan Farley have agreed to be judges for the contest. Henrietta will publish the booklet listing the artist, title, media, and price of the art if it is for sale. The booklet also list winners in each category. Betty Liles will print the cards that go beside each picture. Guild members are asked to provide refreshments for the reception and awards ceremony.
6. The members decided not to have a "by invitation only" event for the Christmas Bazaar. We may still have drinks and cookies on hand during the bazaar.
7. Henrietta has an idea for the auction at the Country Club. Judy Campbell told Henrietta about a business called "A Painted Bouquet" that sells paintings of flowers. Henrietta thought we might sell small pictures of flowers and suggest that people buy their sweetheart "A Bouquet That Never Dies". Paintings that don't sell at the Country Club can be sold at our "Spring Fling", which would now be called "A Painted Bouquet". Both this event and the high school art contest will be held in May.
8. We will continue to hold the luncheon for Fort Campbell spouses. This usually takes place in March.

9. Members also decided to continue holding two painting parties as part of Leadership Hopkinsville.
10. Holly Bogges, who manages the Farmer's Market, has asked the Guild to set up three or four tents at the Market to demonstrate and sell arts and crafts. We hope to demonstrate wood turning, wood carving, pottery making and work by artists. Betty Vinson suggested we could have children draw pictures on the pavement with chalk. She suggested having coloring book pictures available to give the children ideas of things they can paint. The pictures would help avoid a lot of scribbling that doesn't look like anything in particular. Betty Liles also suggested we might let other members of the Guild sell small items that can be shown on small tables as long as they are willing to set up the tables and be responsible for watching them. Betty also said the Boy Scouts are going to be involved in making crafts and asked if they could sell them at the Market. Holly said they probably could.
11. Holly also wants to set up an "Art Walk" similar to the one held in Clarksville every month. Betty Liles, who had participated in the Clarksville Art Walk, says businesses sponsor an artist and showcase their works in their windows. Many of the businesses serve refreshments inside. The artist is available to talk with people who come inside to see their art.
12. Henrietta showed the members an annual calendar showing all the arts and crafts activities Owensboro does during the year. Pictures showing the arts and crafts activities run around the edges and a calendar in the center lists activities during the month. Henrietta said we might be able to afford such a calendar if we get together with the Clarksville group and the Arts Council to help defray the expenses.

**Planned Workshops:**

- If we can get 10 people to pay \$20.00 each, we might have Leslie Campbell back for another workshop in September.
- Betty Vinson and Henrietta are planning on doing a mixed-media workshop for two educational sororities they belong to. This will be in March. This will not involve the Art Guild; they will simply use the Gallery to work in. These two groups donated \$250.00 to the Guild last year.

We had planned to discuss the Guild's bylaws this meeting, but time did not permit. That will be discussed at a later date.

It was a long meeting, and Carolyn suggested we adjourn. Our next meeting will be the Annual Dinner Meeting at the Gallery on June 30. People should make reservations if they intend on coming, and they can bring in their art for the next quarter at the same time they enjoy a delicious meal.

Respectively Submitted  
Tanya Ezell, Secretary