



GILES ARTS COUNCIL

January 12, 2009
Giles Arts Council Board Meeting
Minutes

Present: Roxanne Elliott, Susan Gordon, Steve Gary, Missy Barnhart, Tom Barnhart, Jack Burn and Temple Lawrence

Guests: Jesse Radcliffe, Tracy Schwartz

Meeting Location: Pearisburg Community Center

The meeting was called to order by President Elliott at 6:30 p.m.

Announcements were the first order of business:

1. Susan Gordon passed around information about a Scottish Society raffle
2. Temple Lawrence thanked the GAC for judging the Christmas Tree Decorating Contest on behalf of the Olde Towne Pearisburg Association and mentioned that we may be invited to judge again next year.
3. Roxanne Elliott reminded the group of the GAC planning meeting scheduled for January 21, 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Inn. Members need to contact the Inn for lunch reservations which are \$5 per person.
4. The next meeting of the Round the Mountain Artisan Trail is 2/3/2009 at 1:00, 3:30 and 6:30 at the County Administration office.
5. Alan Leet is looking for an attorney who would be willing to take over our 501(3)c application.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$4,938.84 after paying the expenses for Art on the Lawn and receipt of \$534.34 grant funds for quilt racks and \$320.00 in income from Scrooge the Goat. There will expenses from Scrooge to be paid.

The minutes were approved after correction of the dates for *Arsenic and Old Lace* to April 30-May 2 and pending changes in the agreement with the Town about the use of the Community Center for rehearsals. Motion by Susan Gordon, seconded by Steve Gary.

In the absence of Denise Blakeney there was no report about the progress of upgrades to the back of the Wall of Art or expenses incurred in presenting Scrooge the Goat. At the moment, the GAC banner is displayed on the rear of the Wall. The cost of improving the back of the Wall has reached \$700.

In the absence of Jane Bode, there was no report on the progress of the mural on the Psathas building. Missy Barnhart relayed a discussion with Jane concerning sealing the mural to prevent damage from vandalism. This is a subject for the February agenda.

Approval of the proposal from the Mural Committee was postponed until members of the Committee are present.

Roxanne read a draft of an article about the proposed mural project written by Dianne Dinger. It was decided to recommend waiting to publish the article until the mural was nearer to completion.

Susan Gordon read her letter to Ken Vittum, Pearisburg Town Manager, outlining a plan for GAC use of the Community Center for play rehearsals that offers the Town 20% of the gate for each production with a minimum guarantee of \$100. The letter will be presented to the Town Council. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.

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Missy Barnhart reported that the cost of the quilt racks exceeds the amount we received from the grant to purchase them. After some discussion, Jack Burn moved that the \$60 difference be paid from the Treasury. The motion was seconded by Steve Gary and passed unanimously.

The need for a designated media contact for the GAC was discussed briefly and added to the agenda for the planning meeting on 1/21/2009.

Jack Burn requested GAC events be forwarded to him to be placed on our website. We need both past and upcoming events. Jack also mentioned he will be speaking to the Pearisburg Woman's Club on February 3.

We need to order new membership applications.

Tracy Schwartz was welcomed and invited to become a member.

Jesse Ratcliffe presented his proposal for a Community Choir and asked for the support of the GAC in this endeavor. His proposal was greeted with approval and suggestions and offers of space on our website for recruiting singers were forthcoming.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Temple Lawrence, Secretary

