



# GILES ARTS COUNCIL

July 13, 2009  
Giles Arts Council Board Meeting  
Minutes

Present: Susan Gordon, Jane Bode, Linda Hayes, Denise Blakeney, Pat Laughlin, Kate Delaney, Betty Herbert, Steve Gary, Wanda Sperling, Florine Ferrell, Evelyn Kanter, Kim Woodyard, and Temple Lawrence

Meeting location: Pearisburg Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Kate Delaney. The minutes of the May 11, 2009 meeting were approved as written on a motion by Linda Hayes seconded by Denise Blakeney. The dedication of the mural on the Psathas building took the place of the regular June 8 monthly meeting

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$4,188.59.

#### Announcements:

1. Susan Gordon announced that auditions for *My 3 Angels* begin next week. She has placed fliers around with contact information. The set for the play will also be used for a Relay for Life concert.
2. Kate Delaney requested that articles for the GAC column in the local paper be run by her before they are given to the paper to prevent duplication and to keep GAC information flowing smoothly.
3. T-shirts for Giles Little Theatre workers have been ordered, The cost was \$200.00
4. To date, 16 children have signed up for Kidstock summer theatre camp. The camp will be held at Macy McClaugherty School with from 7/27-7/31. There will be Friday night performance with a \$3 admission fee to the public.
5. Several members looked at a potential gallery space in one of the Westmoreland buildings on Wenonah Ave. Once the space, now under renovation, is finished we have the possibility of placing displays in the large window, or maybe even using the interior as gallery.
6. Denise announced a new exhibit has been set up at the Living Wall of Art.
7. There has been no action on our requests for donation from the Town Councils.
8. Steve Gary requested that there be no admission charge for the gathering at his studio in August. He also volunteered to place an ad in the paper adverting the event.
9. The bowl made by Parker Stafford may be used for an "opportunity drawing" at the August gathering.
10. We have received a form relating to our 501(c)3 incorporation that will be given to Richard Chidester, our registered agent.

#### Old Business:

Kate Delaney commented on the success of the Psathas mural dedication on June 8. Guest speakers included Delegate Ann B. Crockett-Stark, Pearisburg Mayor Barbara Stafford, muralist Jane Bode and Alex Witten. Refreshments sponsored by BB&T were served to a nice crowd attending. The mural and pocket park location are a very attractive part of the downtown revitalization. The corrected plaque has been finished and the promise of bench for the area and possible lighting from the Town will be followed up.

Linda Hayes reported on the progress of Art on the Lawn. 15 artists have been accepted to date with several more expected to apply. StellarOne has reduced the amount of their financial support which means some

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budget adjustments. Baked goods for the breakfast baskets for the exhibitors may be requested from the membership, artists will be required to provide their own tents and sponsorship solicitation letters have gone out. The new chef at The Bank will sell lunch fare and Linda is still recruiting musicians for the day. There will be a best of show award this year.

Several mural sites in the County have been previewed prior to a Mural Committee meeting. Pembroke is interested in a mural if the funds can be found to underwrite it. Pearisburg has promised \$1,000 for another mural. Art students and other artists are needed to work under Jane Bode's supervision. The call for artists will be placed on the GAC website and sent to university art departments and other venues. A local Girl Scout is planning an outdoor mural at the County Animal Shelter as a project for a merit badge.

New Business:

The GAC will sponsor a concert on August 7 in the sunken garden at the Wall of Art location. It will be advertised as "Music Down By the Wall" and will feature the Cadillac Ranch Band. Kim Woodyard will coordinate with the band, Kate will design a poster and fliers, Joan Peek will be asked to distribute the fliers. Denise will investigate offering an opportunity drawing for gas cards and the GAC will sell drinks. Port-a-potties will be available. The cost for the band is \$300 which will be partially covered by a donation from Red Flame Oil Co. and the Olde Towne Pearisburg Association. Other sources will be approached for funds. Concert goers will be asked to bring their own chairs or blankets.

The GAC has been asked if we are interested in taking over the operation of the annual Pearisburg Festival Around Town. It was the sense of the members, that this is not an activity that fits under our mission.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 until the next meeting on August 10.

Respectfully submitted,

Temple Lawrence, Secretary