

**Smith Mountain Arts Council Board Meeting
November 16, 9:30 a.m., Trinity Ecumenical**

In attendance: Will Nocera, Barb Nocera, Peter Coriasco, Karen DeBord, John O'Connell, Susan McSlarrow. Betsy Ashton, Terry Naylor, Marty Bowers

President, Barb Nocera called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. The agenda was accepted, as were the minutes from the October Board meeting (with corrections). The secretary, Clif was not in attendance, so VP, Karen took minutes.

The Treasurer's report from September was approved after some clarifications to questions from the previous month. Questions included: How does the administrative line item make money? Response- a 501c3 that had been affiliated as an arts group folded and the money was given to SMAC and added to the treasury. The Pay pal question was focusing on the uneven amount reported in paypal. Response: This is because any residuals in the paypal account (paypal takes a service fee) were added to the treasury, which then was deposited into the administrative line item.

The treasurer submitted the October report and it was accepted without questions.

Old Business

The annual dinner was deemed a success in terms of the décor, the entertainment, and food. The PA system was lacking and made the voices seem garbled. It is hoped that next year, we can market the annual dinner meeting as a "Community Outreach Arts Banquet" with entertainment in hope of getting more attendees.

New Business

A lengthy discussion regarding the budget and placement of items within the budget ensued. Barb will redo the draft budget and send it out electronically for Board approval.

Upcoming events

1. Annual Holiday concert – Dec. 14, 7 p.m., Resurrection Catholic Church
The Holiday concert (Home for the Holidays with Wiley and friends) is scheduled for December 14. Tickets are selling and news releases have been sent to the *Bedford Bulletin* and the *Laker*. They will be sent to other news outlets in the coming week. Over 20 posters have been distributed.

2. February 13 concert - Wiley and Bouknight at Trinity Ecumenical Parrish.

Standing Committee Reports

- Lake Players- are working on a musical for February or March and two short plays for September 2019 in addition to their planned collaboration with the Lakeside Singers in June.
- Lake Writers are finalizing the anthology for the 30th anniversary celebration of SMAC. They anticipate it being ready by the Feb 13 concert for sale.
- The B Sharps recently performed for veterans in Roanoke and will sing in December at 6 different venues.
- The SML Photo Club has struggled with the quality of the projector at the library. The color is off and the photos sometimes appear blurry. They requested assistance in purchasing a large screen TV for better quality projection for their photo images. A discussion was held to support this request IF the library will take ownership of the equipment and wall mount it. John O'Connell will check with the library and begin to collect donations from members after which time SMAC will consider supplementing the amount. A 50-50 raffle, corporate sponsorship, or a photography event was suggested as fundraisers. We will discuss this again in the future.

Administrative Committee Reports

- Membership- there are 381 active members.
- Special Events
 - \$2300 was requested for new sound and lighting equipment. Half of the amount (\$1150) was approved with the remainder to be considered in the next budget year.
 - Peter suggested Linda K. Simmons as a potential show for the coffeehouse series. He and Betsy have attended and thought her show to be rather hilarious.

Affiliates

With the \$25 dues having been paid by a handful of the potential (over) 20 affiliates, it was decided to send them a friendly email reminder before removing them from the website.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am. The next meeting is January 18, 2019. There will be no December meeting.