

James Island Arts Committee Monthly Meeting

October 4, 2017

Present: Pat Hiott-Mason, Laura De La Maza, Shawn Halifax, Mary Beth Berry, Inez Brown Couch, Garrett Milliken, Mark Huerkamp, Catherine Lampkin, Katherine Williams, and Ajeeyah Mujahid

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. with ten members in attendance. September minutes were read, corrected, and approved. Meredith Poston took the minutes in August and these will be given to Pat for her notebook.

A motion was presented before the committee and seconded stating that the minutes of the previous meeting would be sent to the members two days before the next meeting. The motion unanimously passed. The secretary will send the minutes to the chairperson who will in turn send them to each member.

Committee Reports:

Accounting:

Garrett Milliken reported that the committee's banking account balance is at present \$4,505.

Underwriting:

Katherine Williams reported writing letters to local banks asking for donations. Catherine volunteered to help her visit the banks. Inez Brown Couch suggested that another possible source for help in raising funds is the credit unions.

Communications:

Shawn Halifax reported that McLeod Plantation would in the future be responsible for marketing for events held at McLeod Plantation and would work with Meredith Poston.

Poetry at McLeod:

Shawn reported that he would be available for the Poet Kwaya Fagin Maples event on Sunday October 22 from 2-4 pm. Her Poetry workshop at James Island Town Hall will be held Saturday, October 21 from 2-4pm. Inez is responsible for serving refreshments at this event and will collect gift certificates from Mary Beth and do the shopping.

Shawn reported that he gave a check to the County Parks covering the admission cost of the first 50 people attending the June event. Garrett made a motion that was passed by the members that a check covering admission to Kwoya's event be cut for McLeod Plantation.

Programs report:

Rajeeyah reported on a possible concert of the Drums group. She said that five more drummers have been recruited and she is still working on organizing. Her hope for the future is to revive the James Island Festival in 2019. Katherine asked if it were possible to have a Drum Program at the February 24, 2018 Art Auction. This is to be confirmed at a later date.

Arts Auction:

Laura reported that she has contacted the art teachers about the student participation in the February 24 Art Auction event in an effort to encourage the teachers to start collecting the art early.

Pat said that she has started collecting the adult art for the auction. Garrett reminded the committee that he has the art remaindered from last year.

A discussion followed concerning attracting more people from the James Island community instead of mainly attracting the parents of the art students participating in the event. Katherine said that the auction is a project devoted not only to supporting the teachers, but also to raise awareness of local talent in the general community and we could do other art shows and have fundraisers as separate events. She mentioned that Charleston Performing Arts Center wants to host fundraisers for us in partial fulfillment of their nonprofit mission. Shawn

offered McLeod Plantation as a possible place for future adult art shows consistent with McLeod's mission.

Katherine said for the next meeting she would come up with the flyer and a list of bullet points about the auction for us to use when approaching artists and donors about the auction.

Announcements:

Shawn made an announcement about the Cotton Day event on October 21. Bill McLean, an entrepreneur with an interest in cotton production and fiber art, will share information about the history of Sea Island cotton, especially on James Island.

Catherine shared information about a group who is educating the public about Indigo grown in the low country.

Dana Ellis is now on the Board of the James Island Senior Center and is asking for help publicizing the November 2 art auction and concert featuring jazz from the 20's and 30's.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Hiott-Mason, Secretary