

James island Arts Committee Meeting
November 1, 2017

Present: Pat Hiott-Mason, Garrett Milliken, Inez Brown, Danna Ellis, Katherine Williams, Susannah Sheldon, Rajeeyah Myahid, Mark Huerkamp and Annie Purvis.

The chairperson, Katherine Williams, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Those present introduced themselves to the newcomer, Annie Purvis.

October minutes had been circulated before the meeting by email. After one spelling correction, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer: Garrett Milliken reported the balance in the account is \$2,755.00 plus \$500 donated by the Poetry Society of SC and \$35 from poetry workshop attendees, making a total of \$3,290.00. Katherine announced that she had appointed Amy Robeson to relieve Garrett, at his request, from his position as Arts Committee treasurer.

501(c)3: Susannah reported that the next step is waiting on state approval of incorporation, and a letter of determination of nonprofit status from the IRS. She said that the Arts Committee must establish an independent bank account. Anne Purvis offered to help with this procedure and to ask McClellanville Arts Council for a copy of their by-laws. Garrett suggested that Katherine meet with Ashley Kellahan to discuss the clear intentions of the Arts committee. Inez presented this suggestion into a motion which was voted unanimously.

Underwriting: Mary Beth Berry and Katherine visited the local banks to ask for financial support.

Communications:
No report

McLeod: Katherine and Inez's reported that the participants' evaluations of the Kwoya Fagen poetry reading on October 22 was very positive. Fifty one guests attended. Garrett suggested that an Artist in Residence program be considered for a summer program. Annie suggested offering continuing education credit for teachers as a way to get teachers interested in hosting

our poets in their classrooms. Compliments were given to Mark and Garrett for their help.

Because Kwoya had no books currently in print, Katherine created a booklet of Kwoya's poems as a complimentary memento to attendees for Kwoya to sign. She made 15 copies, and raised \$35 at the poetry workshop toward printing of 60 more copies for the reading.

Katherine presented a receipt for printer ink used for the book, last year's auction catalogue and flyers, and for the flyers for Kendra Hamilton in June, Gary Jackson in September, and Kwoya Maples. A motion was made and passed that she be reimbursed. Gary Jackson was rescheduled for March 18, 2018.

Catherine reported that the response to her call for fiber art for McLeod was unanimous, and she will convene the artists this fall to plan the fiber art show for McLeod Plantation.

Auction: Garrett transferred the stored art from the 2017 auction to Pat. Pat has started contacting artists for donations. Katherine has an information form and guidelines to give to Pat for registering the contributions. Inez reported on how successful the "Donation Jar" worked at the 2017 art auction and wants to use the idea again in 2018. Katherine distributed a mock-up of the poster for the February art auction. Rajeeyah committed her drummers to perform at the February Art Auction event.

Future Programs:

Danna Ellis reported for the James Island Senior. She announced the silent art auction with 1920 flapper theme. We brainstormed Bowen's Island Jazz, American Roots Music like slave songs, spirituals and Blues. Danna shared her dream of bringing a cultural awareness of their rich history to James Island.

Annie Purvis announced many opportunities for public school art students to share their talents: Junior Duck stamp contest on January 10th, Southeastern Wildlife Bird contest in February, offering sculptures for the two James island parks. Annie agreed to join the Arts committee as a new member.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Pat Hiott-Mason, secretary