

APPROVED

**Molokai Arts Center
Board Meeting Minutes
October 3rd, 2013 - 9:15 am
Location: COH**

Meeting called to order by Dan Bennett

Attending Board Members:

Dan Bennett, President
Greg Kahn, Vice President
Dawn Simpson, Secretary
Kathy Tachibana, Member
Beth Johnson, Member
Lydia Clemens, Guest

9/12/13 Minutes: Dawn has been experiencing technical difficulties with the internet (deferred) service at her home. Later today, using wi-fi at COH she will email the draft to our board members for review. Once approved, Dawn will make arrangements to have the document submitted before our next board meeting scheduled in November.

Financial: Since Emillia is unable to attend today's meeting, our financials will be reviewed at our next board meeting.

Grants:

Kathy T has applied for grants from Baldwin Foundation (for a portion of new kiln cost), McInerny Foundation (for a portion of new kiln cost and all of a new pugger) and most recently the Atherton foundation for \$21k of salary to cover the cost of new admin person.

Lydia inquired if she applied for for funds to help support the after school programs. Since we haven't figured out exactly what direction we are taking with that program Kathy has not sought grants to fund it. Before funding a program that is not defined she would prefer to look at ways to fund the existing teachers, starting with the Children's Saturday program. Bradford and Kathy T have been volunteering their time to teach the class almost since inception. Kathy started as her 2 hour volunteer commitment but has been devoting much more than 2 hours a week to the program not to mention her other volunteer duties. Bradford is not a member of the center and is volunteering out of the goodness of his heart and it would be nice to compensate him for his time.

Dan also explained that the schools he spoke with may have funding to pay teachers if we supply the materials which we are prepared to do. We will need to work on this on a case by case basis and figure it out as we go. This is a learn as we go process. Kathy T will continue her research on this.

Old Business:

Strategic Plan / Draft:

Kathy T has the current draft of the strategic plan. She plans to edit the History section and once that is complete she will send it out to the membership for feedback.

Takeaway Tuesdays:

Next Tuesday will be the first class for October. Kathleen will be doing a pinch pot class.

There has been an interest in a morning class on the wheel so Kathy suggested that someone talk to Marilyn Melvin when she returns to see if she would be willing to teach a class.

Members Art Show / Molokai Public Library: Nov 13th – Dec 2nd

Dan encourages that all members should submit something to the show.

Greg mentions that all is set, timelines are good. The first day of the show the doors will open at 5:00pm and close at 7:30pm. MAC members need to be notified to bring food items to opening night. The deadline date for entry submission has been moved to October 15th. Entry forms are at the MAC and can also be downloaded from our website. Entry form and submission can be given to Kathleen Mendes, our studio manager. We will extend the invitation to our MCC students. They will be given the opportunity to submit their artwork as well.

Greg will be our contact person to handle the cash/money for any items purchased during the show. He will create a “red dot” system to indicate that something has already been sold. Will we accept checks? Two checks would work as 90% to artist and 10% made out to Friends of the Library.

Who will be the curator? The board has decided to have Greg invite Roshani to be our curator. She will be responsible to set up our member entries. Greg also mentions that the AmeriCorp volunteers are willing to help out. They are working on the MAC event brochure. They will be available to set up on opening day, photo submitted items, print ID cards for each artists display. MAC logo banners will be available, recommending one be placed outside the building.

New Business:

After School Program:

Dan and Lydia are working with the Uplink Program. Dan was at the HS and spoke with their student activities person. Their discussion was regarding what is needed to get this program up and running. Grant funding would support our needs.

The Intermediate school is a go! Emillia is ready and eager to teach. There is a minimum of 6 students. Classes will begin early January. EM already has a good vision of what she would like to teach.

Lydia mentions that she has been talking to the K’kai school system. They no longer have an art program for the kids. There is no funding for it. Lydia would like direction as to how to answer questions that are being asked to her. She doesn’t have the answers yet. She needs something more tangible to approach the principal with, a more concrete plan. MAC will provide the artist/teacher. Will there be grant money to pay the artist/teacher? All this is to plant the seed and get the idea into motion. We are just exploring to find out if they will be interested. We could set up a meeting to explain the process and what we would like to accomplish with this new partnership. Reps from the school will be invited, but first we meet to find out if they are interested.

The Middle School is ready to go.

Preschool: (pilot program)

Kathy T has initiated a project with the Punana Leo Preschool because her grandson attends the school. She invited Lydia to join her when she goes to the school and she will be happy to share the project idea and how it goes with the person who carries the idea forward but she made it clear that she does not have the time to take on the responsibility of developing this.

Book:

Dan would like to know if anyone could suggest a local artist who is willing to do illustrations for a Hawaiian culture children’s book. Dan has his own list of artists and will supply the names at a later date. This will be a partnership with the Kualapuu School. We can see that this could take off very quickly. A great idea!

Inspired & Fired: Oct 5th

Kathleen and her husband Walter have been preparing for the show. Painting, weeding and cleaning the studio inside and out! Gates will open at 5pm, ribbon cutting, food and music. Dan will introduce Kathleen and present her with a lei of aloha for a successful show. Gallery will open at 5:30pm. We will have wine available with a suggested donation of \$5 per glass to cover the cost of the wine.

Jewelry Class Returns:

Helen Bergman will be doing a special jewelry class for the Paniolo Hale group on October 31st, from 1:00-3:00pm. The next class on November 7th will be open to the public. Kathy T will post the information on our website and bulletin boards.

Our next Board Meeting is scheduled for:

**Thursday, November 14th, 9:00 am
@ Coffee’s of Hawaii**

Kathy T made the motion to end our meeting. Greg seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned: 10:30am

Submitted by: Dawn Simpson, MAC Secretary