

# Mother Lode Art Association Board Meeting

## Monday, May 16, 2022

The MLAA Board meeting was called together by John Sharum at 11:07 am at Tuolumne County Library Meeting Room at 480 Greenley Road in Sonora.

**Board Members Present:** John Sharum, Linda Happel, Maureen Carden, Lorna Hunt, Luisa King, Barbara Conley and Jean Dakota.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lorna Reported on the Art Show Financials:

### Financial Summary from Jan 31 to May1, 2022

Checking Account:	\$11,831.48
<u>Savings Balance:</u>	<u>\$3,200.34</u>
Grand Total	\$15,032.34

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Linda motioned; Lorna seconded a motion to approve the April Board meeting minutes. The motion carried.

**Membership Status:** Lorna Reported: MLAA has 113 paid active members. MLAA has lost members and Maureen will post an "In Memoriam" column on the website.

**501 c 3 update:** *From the April meeting: For tax purposes, there has been a lapse in filing for non-profit status with the Feds. MLAA needs to re-file (with fee) with the DOJ. MLAA has received a letter from the CA DOJ saying that we did not file paperwork for the raffle. The DOJ consider the raffle as gambling. MLAA will have to apply for a permit/ registration with the DOJ for a charitable organization.*

Lorna reported that Jerry Hunt is working on the tax filings and will file everything via electronic (not paper copies). Jerry has done a "Yeoman's Job" of research and filling out forms for the Non-profit status. We thank him.

**Form 990 (Federal form):** Tax years 2015 – 2021 – mailed on 4/29/22; IRS website indicated they are still working on 990's rec'd in 2021; MLAA is NOT listed on the Auto-Revocation List (has no revocation date). The conclusion is that we do not have a Revocation Date.

**Form 1023:** Fee = \$600.00 after default of 15 months of the revocation date. Fee = \$275.00 within 15 months of revocation date. MLAA HAS NO REVOCATION DATE. (Note: IRS will take over 12 months to process 990 paper forms).

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John suggested that we file 990 e-Postcard for 2021 and file 990 e-Postcard for 2022 and 2023 for the 503c status. We have filed forms with CA DOJ, and we are current with the State Franchise Tax Board.

**Fund Raiser:** On the second Saturday in June, the ALOFT Gallery will conduct a sale (no raffle) as a fund raiser.

**67<sup>th</sup> Art Show Review:** Members reported:

1. **Donor letters:** John is sending out letters. He will contact Bob for corporate donations.
2. **Update on show returns:** Lorna reported:
3. **Wine donations:** John reported that we will continue to sell wine at the meetings
4. **Process for sharing art show Proceeds** with Tuolumne Co Schools – Board discussion: In the past, MLAA has donated \$500.00 to four schools. Cathy Parker, Superintendent of schools has a list of all public schools.

It was agreed that we need a committee to make decisions on the school art donations. John will ask for volunteers at the next general meeting. The committee would investigate and make recommendations for a flyer to be sent to schools so that they could apply for MLAA Art Donations. It was suggested that we could call the donations “Grants” (as we currently have an application for Art Grants).

John will contact Maggie Bevier to possible serve as chairman for the Art Grants committee. Celia Niemerow was also suggested to head the committee.

**68<sup>th</sup> Art Show (2023):** Board Members discussed:

1. **Timeline and booking** of the Opera Hall – Monique Holcolm is the contact person.
  - a. The first full week in April (4, 5 and 6) was discussed to set up panels, take in art, hang show, with the opening ceremony on April 7 and the show open on Sat and Sun, April 8 & 9. MLAA would pay for the Opera Hall for this week.
  - b. The following week of April 10 – 16, the Opera Hall would be open for art viewing. We would hope that the City of Sonora would pay for the Opera Hall rent for this week of “Art Week.” If the City does not agree, we could contact the Sonora Foundation to fund this extra week of the show.
  - c. Board members suggested that there be activities on the stage for this additional

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week, including but not limited to wine tasting, music, demonstrations, and a food truck in the parking lot.

2. **Art Show Committee:** How and Who to coordinate with to maximize participation and attendance – We will need a chairperson for the art show committee, and Linda offered to monitor this person.

Louisa moved and Linda seconded a motion to accept the 2023 dates (shown above) for the art show. The motion carried.

**Women's Veteran Memorial Project:** John reported that he is working with Frank Smart; the committee did not get any submittals from artists for a design for the monument. Since it will no longer be a competition, John has contacted retired architect Roy Lane and he will assist on the project going forward.

**Future demos and meeting room update:** Linda, John and Barb reported:

1. Jeannie Vodden was suggested as a presenter for June. We will continue to meet in the Library for June.
2. There will be no presenter for the July 18 will be MLAA picnic/ potluck. Pinecrest and Indigeny were suggested as possible locations for the picnic/ potluck. Parking would be difficult at Pinecrest. There is a fee to picnic at Indigeny (but that was not objectionable).
3. There will be no meeting in August.
4. Presenters for demonstrations at the general meetings are needed for September, October, and November 2022. Linda will contact Jim Tracy of Oakdale for a possible presentation. He has previously expressed interest in presenting.

**Bylaws Review:** Members discussed:

1. Luisa moved and Jean seconded a motion to form a committee to review the MLAA bylaws. The motion carried.
2. John reported that MLAA needs to change the current Jan - Jan fiscal year to April - April. (I assume that this is accomplished through changes in the bylaws???)
3. There was discussion to merge the financial reporting of ALOFT Gallery and MLAA.
4. A committee is also needed to review the bylaws for the ALOFT Gallery. The gallery is a consignment set up and the officers are elected every two years. John will contact

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Renetta for help on this item.

**Committees needed:** John summed up that three committees presently needed:

1. Committee to study/ recommend how to proceed with the art donations to schools
2. Committee to review bylaws (both MLAA and ALOFT)
3. Committee to chair the 68<sup>th</sup> annual art show in 2023

Jean moved and Linda seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting concluded at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Dakota,

Secretary, Mother Lode Art Association