

MVAQN Saturday, June 17, 2023 Minutes

1:00 pm at the Yellow Springs Arts Council meeting room

PRESENT: Ann Diller, Maxine Thomas, Shannon Naik, Sue DeSantis, Linda Morgan, Ronnie Doyal, Chris Zurbuchen, Joni Kreitzer and Jennifer Greenup

We started out with an informal Show and Tell which included some tote and workshop bags that Maxine made from byAnnie.com.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: on the website

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chris gave the Treasurer's report. We have \$896.46 in the checkbook. Chris received renewal of our trade name from the Ohio Secretary of State, good for 5 years. Maxine files a federal income tax each year but wondered if we really need to do it. We do not ever owe money and she thought it was unnecessary for our type of organization. After a discussion, Ronnie made a motion that Maxine could end filing of federal income tax for the group. Jennifer seconded it and the motion passed.

Chris said that we need a second signer for the Treasurer to deposit or withdraw money from our account. **We tabled this until we elect a new board.**

Chris took our dues for the year (\$15 or \$20 if you want to give \$5 to Epiphany).

Chris reminded us that we have been invited to hang a small show at the Yellow Springs Senior Center next year. Time TBD.

OLD BUSINESS: Chris has made a nice binder for the YSAC show and passed it around. We ok'd 2 show expenses for wine and stickers to be paid. Chris said that setup of the show went great. Due to the hot sun coming in the front of the gallery, she made curtains for the front windows that say O\*P\*E\*N when hung. The gallery has the problem of poor visibility; we had only 10-14 people showing up each Saturday despite thousands of visitors to Yellow Springs on summer Saturdays. As members of the Arts Council, we can make suggestions to Jerome Borchers (head of the Arts Council). We need a Gallery host on June 24<sup>th</sup>...Jennifer graciously said she would do it. Barb is doing take-down of the show on June 25.

Chris asked about what to do with the remaining 5 Landmark quilts. She had sent a personal note and email to the new Mendelson developer about possibly buying the Mendelson quilt and didn't get a reply. We discussed possibilities for the quilts including donating them to Stivers for them to sell, or hoping that someone in the future Mendelson condos will be interested. Sue will store them again but **please think of how to give away or sell them.**

NEW BUSINESS: We need to address leadership for the upcoming year and future since we currently do not have chairs after the Covid interruption. Ann outlined 4 options for the future:

- 1) Get 3 chair volunteers plus Secretary and Treasurer as per our bylaws
- 2) Amend the bylaws for a new structure
- 3) Operate without board chairs like this year
- 4) Dissolve the formal group and stay on as a Study Group only

Ronnie led a discussion about the 3 year commitment for Third Chair as in our bylaws. When polled, most of us said that we couldn't commit to a 3 year term. It is a long time for a commitment and scares off most. Ronnie proposed changing the bylaws to a one year term for all of the 3 chair positions, with equal responsibilities. The position would be renewable for up to 3 years and one can take a break for a year. Under the proposal, the Secretary and Treasurer would serve 2 years with an option to renew on a yearly basis after that. Ann and Chris said they would be willing to renew Secretary and Treasurer for one more year since they have already served more than 2 years.

**Ronnie has volunteered to fill one of the Chair positions and we would like 2 more under the new proposal. Please let me know if you are able to fill a one year position.** According to our bylaws, the chairs share responsibly for the following:

\*presenting an agenda to the membership prior to a meeting and conducting the meeting

\*recruiting a slate of candidates for officers each year

\*scheduling exhibitions and recruiting a chair for each exhibit

\*scheduling meetings and events with the approval of membership

**Ronnie proposed a change in the bylaws which was discussed and agreed to give to the membership via this email for a vote. (see separate proposal). If approved by a majority(2/3) of members via email, at our July 15 meeting we will vote to accept the new slate of officers.**

Jennifer asked about reserving the Epiphany room for us for the upcoming year. We agreed to that except for December when we typically don't meet (she has since received a confirmation for reservation from Epiphany).

Sue DeSantis volunteered her house for January's carry-in. At that time we also talked about doing "Expressions with Pens" led by Maxine on paper. Ronnie will bring fabric to continue this fun project. More information later!

We then brainstormed about ideas for next year's meetings. If anyone has ideas for a meeting, please let Ronnie or I know (especially if you'd like to facilitate it).

Some of our ideas:

Decolourant (Joni)

Field trip – Linda will research

YSAC visit with artist and lunch (Chris Z)

Laura Kavorik's ideas about cutting up quilts and stitching (Maxine and/or Ronnie)

Postcards

Repurposing (Linda will lead SHORT demos several times this year)

Free exchange of quilt/artist supplies

Tiedye-folding (Joni)

Shibori (Maxine)

Tea Bag fun (Ronnie)

Front Street field trip (third Sunday before October)

Collaborative fun (bring materials and exchange fabric)

Retreat

LOOKING FORWARD

We are proposing the following for the next few meetings to get us started:

July 15: Show and Tell

Free exchange of quilting/artistic supplies

August 19: Postcard making (Jennifer)

September 16: YSAC Gallery/lunch Meet the artist (Chris Z)

January Potluck at Sue DeSantis' house Possible :Expressions with Pens" activity

April? Front Street field trip on a 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

June picnic at Maxine's ..Possibly play with dye or decolourant

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Diller, Secretary

p.s. Artistic happenings in the area:

DAI: "Washi Transformed: New Expressions in Japanese Paper June 24-Sept. 17

"The View" at Rosewood Art Center June 12 – July 15

Quilt National at The Dairy Barn on now