

BELMONT ART ASSOCIATION MEETING - MARCH 27, 2018

This meeting was brought to order by Naomi Ellenberg-Dukas in the Belmont Public Library Flett room.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nicole Bernstein
Irene Fairley
Anne Katzeff
Christine Chang
Dari Paquette
Erika Hartwig

Jane Wentzell
Naomi Ellenberg-Dukas
Ed Wintner
Tony Kantor
Fleur Ihesmar

TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

• Our new treasurer, Erika Hartwig, was put on the Belmont Savings Bank account today, so now both Erika and Christine Chang can write checks for BAA expenses. Rules will be written guiding the use of BAA funds, which now include an allowance for food or supplies at BAA meetings and events. Outside speakers can be paid \$150; our members are volunteer speakers.

• Erika and Christine will meet again tomorrow to discuss things further and to complete the transition.

• The issue of becoming a non-profit resurfaced. Ed Wintner informed us that our group is too small to benefit from this and our yearly income is well below \$100,000, the level at which becoming a non-profit would be advantageous.

• There are 15 paying members for 2018 so far, and more are coming in at a slow trickle. Previously we had 35 paying members, so we want to build up our membership in order to accomplish things. Suggestions were made to try to do that.

- Advantages to becoming a member include getting a page on the BAA website, belmontart.org, being in BAA shows, meeting other Belmont artists so we have people to talk to at openings, and contributing to the public's awareness of art production and commercial possibilities in Belmont. Another benefit is the periodic BAA parties.

EMAILS AND THE WEBSITE

- Email notifications are sent out by Naomi to everybody on our email list via Mail Chimp. If you are not on our email list you may contact Erika at 617-484-7933, or, if you pay your dues, Erika will make sure you get added to the email list. You may pay your dues through the website using PayPal or by mailing a check to Erika Hartwig, 57 Simmons Avenue.
- You can click on "DETAILS" when you get an email to get the email addresses of all recipients.
- You are encouraged to forward event emails to your friends.
- Contact Anne Katzeff to insert events onto to the BAA calendar. You are also encouraged to post a new picture of your art on the website gallery if you are a member. If you are no longer a member your info is in the process of being removed.
- Warren Croce manages the site. We are grateful to him for this service.

BELMONT CULTURAL COUNCIL EVENTS

- The Belmont Art Association has received a grant from the Belmont Cultural Council for four public events.
- The first free event takes place at the Belmont Hill School on Saturday, April 7. It is a wood-carving workshop taught by Steve Caplan, a teacher at the school.

- The second event is a Chinese brush painting talk and demo scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 1:30 - 4:30 in the lower level assembly room at the Belmont Public Library. Everyone is invited. Please bring your apron. Also requested are flat white saucers for mixing paint and containers for water. Sign up for this workshop by emailing Linda Salter, LR.Salter@Alum.BU.EDU

LEADERSHIP

- Christine Chang has moved to Barcelona, Spain. Although she visits Belmont from time to time, she tells us we should "consider her gone." Do we want a president? Perhaps two people? We need someone to chair the meetings and there are other jobs that need doing.

THE SUMMER SHOW

- The summer show has been postponed to a time, possibly next spring, because volunteer curators have not stepped forward. There were no curators present at the recent programming committee meeting and Rebecca Richards needed a commitment. So a tentative plan, dependent on Rebecca's BGA schedule, has emerged for a later show. Some ideas include:
 1. Finding 2 curators to put out a call, accept submissions, etc.
 2. Requiring potential members to join by a certain date in order to qualify to submit work.
 3. Requiring participants to each help in some way.
 4. Some possible themes have been named: "New Growth," "Alive," "Inspired by other artists," "Creation," "Flowers."

SCHEDULE AND LOCATIONS OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- Linda Salter has taken over scheduling venues for meetings.
- Meetings scheduled are April 17 at the Benton Library and May 15 at the Belmont Public Library Flett room (tentative location).
- The Benton Library is located at 75 Oakley Road, at the corner of Old Middlesex. This is now a private library in the chapel of a former boys' school. It is said that the neighbors dislike a lot of cars parked on their street, so spread out your parking.

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