

Belmont Art Association Meeting: September 13, 2019

Location: Home of Dari Paquette

Members Present: Martha Bazakas, Paul Beckingham (Webmaster), Nicole Bernstein, Naomi Ellenberg-Dukas (Co-Chair), Kay Hudgins, Susan Kottler, Ned Levering, Dari Paquette (Co-Chair), Jane Wentzell (Recording Secretary), Carol Wintle.

Business Meeting

After a lovely pot-luck repast at Dari's house, Co-Chair Naomi Ellenberg-Dukas brought the meeting to order.

1. **Meet Belmont:** Martha and Naomi manned the BAA table at Meet Belmont on August 27th so they could share the BAA tabletop display and introduce people to our artistic endeavors in Belmont. We thank them for this service. Annette Goodro from the Belmont Cultural Council was also there at this event, and she encouraged the BAA to submit grant proposals for this fall. October 15th is the deadline for application submissions this year.

2. **Grant Proposal Brainstorming Session:** Discussions ensued regarding projects for which we might want to submit a proposal. There were several suggestions, including writing a proposal to help fund our January members show, including advertising and reception expenses. Other suggestions were for activities designed to increase community awareness of our organization and the arts in general. Chief among these were a) designing and painting transformer boxes on the town streets, as Newton and Arlington have done (Dari's suggestion); b) designing and painting an outdoor wall mural at the corner of Trapelo Road and Davis Road (Martha's suggestion); and c) community classes, as we held last year.

3. **BAA Members Show:** We briefly discussed our upcoming members show at the Belmont Gallery of Art in January 2020. The Show Planning Committee met in August, and the schedule was identified to be a Call for Artists in early November; Notification around the beginning of December; and Artwork Delivery and Show Installation in mid January. The Planning Committee has yet to finalize the timeline with Rebecca Richards and Adine, Co-Directors of the BGA, and thereafter meet with Gillian Ross, our guest juror. At this time the plan is for three jurors: Gillian, a representative from the BGA, and one from the BAA.

4. **Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will take place on Monday evening, October 21st at the Benton Library, 75 Oakley Road, from 7-9 pm.

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