Chewelah Arts Guild

April 18, 2023

In Person Attending: Diane E, Indigo, Susanne, Leslie, Tom, Cindy, Traci, Mary, Nondis, and Loretta.

Zoom Attending: None

President Diane E called the meeting to order.

Correspondence: Traci – None.

Minutes:  For March 2023 Motion to accept minutes Leslie, Cindy seconded and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Traci – None.

Recent Events Report:

1. Chewelah Creative District Report: Leslie reports Creative District has been going for four years and their bank account is about $40,000 dollars plus and it is all from grants. Mike Bentz will continue to write grants from Montana. Julie Everson says that grant writing was something she was good at and has been successful in securing grants in the past. Leslie suggests that CAG should do something in that same direction. Our main fundraiser is the auction. Mike is good at finding grants and Julie says she has written many. Leslie suggests if the board is good at finding any grants, share them with Leslie or Julie and Leslie will approach Julie to see if she is serious about writing if the board agrees. Diane gives Leslie the go-ahead. Diane shares that Mike belongs to an organization that he pays for to help find grants and suggests talking to Mike for more information. Nondis shares that the Creative District is renewing grants from previous years, and they basically update them and send them in. The first year you would be putting in a lot of work but that makes it easier every year. Leslie reports that grants are their income base other than memberships. Indigo reports that CAG is a member of the Creative District and that gives CAG voting rights and a display on the website.

2.     Home & Garden Show: Loretta reports that people seemed to get confused on CAG being the same as the Creative District and didn’t know the difference. Indigo shared that we had a lot of people ask if CAG was the a part of or separate from Creative District projects. A lot of people did stop at the booth, the PowerPoint display went well, maybe longer next time, and the trifold was great. Thank you, Patty West, for helping and Diana Kinzler for helping set up and helping to take down. Indigo commented that she thought the attendance of the Home & Garden Show was the highest that it has been. No new CAG memberships but membership brochures were taken. Susanne expresses that the confusion of people not knowing who they are giving to hinders new membership on site.

Old Business:

3.     Projector Loan paperwork Review: Diane reports that Tom Bristol, Leslie Kristiansen, Bud Evans and Diane Evans are to set up a meeting to make the paperwork more fool proof. The missing projector remote has not been found. Cindy offers to talk to Jay Andrews to see if he knows anything. Tom suggests labeling the multiple cords for better storage.

4.     PACA Art Sale: Held Saturday April 22nd. Diane reports that there seemed to be confusion during last month’s meeting about the sale. The Art sale is for artists only to sell their work and it is not to sell stuff from home.

5.     Children’s Art Festival: Cindy was going to talk to the Chamber of Commerce, but it has now been decided that there is no need to. Nondis spoke to the mayor and he asked Nondis to speak to Melissa Alderdings since she will be taking over planning. Nondis has emailed Melissa but has not had a response yet. Nondis presents dates as listed; Summerfest posted for July 15th or July 29th that will be a Three-on-Three Hoopfest. Dakota McQuain is the head of the effort. Nondis suggests that would work well with the Children’s Festival with the older kids and Susanne shares that the littler kids that do not want to play basketball can do the other activities. Nondis continues to coordinate with the Chamber of Commerce and DNR on Fall Festival dates, but it has to be after fire season, usually late September or early October. Michelle Williams and Justin Schrams are not able to continue with planning the events as before, so the city is trying to decide which festival goes on what dates. Tom suggests CAG set a date for the Children’s Art festival and presents the dates of July 14, 15, and 16th. Leslie will secure the pavilion space per Tom’s request.

6.     Children’s Art Festival (continued from Events/Activities report): Tom – Have the dates set and secure spots and start letting the artists know and the firemen. The festival was a huge fundraiser for the firemen and raised approximately $6,[000.00](http://0.0.0.0/) last year. Suggests CAG to connect with the festival group with the dates. Tom sent colored pictures with the Hotel/Motel Tax application last year and posted brochures and cards. Tom suggests starting advertising to artists and would encourage to get new artists and to connect with the Creative District to pull together a group effort to work together. Leslie suggests getting volunteers to help with the Children’s Arts Festival to reach out for artists and extra volunteers. Indigo suggests speaking to Jamie Thompson to help. Outreaching involves emailing and calling artists and explaining that they will be teaching classes with the kids. Tom suggests adding to the brochure the age groups for the art projects to help artists and volunteers to decide which project they choose to lead. Traci and Tom will work on the brochures. Nondis volunteers to outreach. Traci volunteers to create the flyers and cards again for this year. Nondis questions how much the artists get paid and if their supplies get paid for, Tom reports that the artists get paid $[25.00](http://25.0.0.0/) hourly and generally the Children’s Art festival covers the cost of supplies. Most of the artists donate their money back. Nondis, Leslie and Cindy will oversee outreach for artists. Tom will reach out to the firemen and Susanne will let Stage Time Show know dates and info. The event will need 10 artists. Leslie requests at least 20 volunteers to cover shifts – 2 volunteers for every hour. Diane volunteers to give Leslie 20 volunteers and Leslie will pass a list of past volunteers to Diane.

7.     Pencil Drawing: Cindy – Pencil Drawing has completed for the year with over 90 entries and all the thank you notes have been sent to the judges. A very successful event. A big thank you to Cindy for putting the event on.

New Business:

8.     Review CAG documents: After editing one document, all documents are approved.

9.     Talk about the first prompt presented by Susanne – “The Chewelah Arts Guild is relevant in this community because…” – Diane expresses people say and Tim Nielsen say that the Arts Guild sets the scene with the arts in Chewelah since 2000 and that is why CAG is relevant. Nondis agrees and shares that these events have been going on long enough that the community looks for them. Susanne shares CAG is a key community organization that has helped to bolster Chewelah’s identity as artsy and artist-rich. Cindy expresses the support of art and the community. Leslie shares that Chewelah has been more artsy since the Creative District and the Trails End Gallery are here. Nondis agrees and shares that the art community does support art and artists. She has been speaking to Jamie Thompson about trying to get the First Friday Art Walk in Colville started and has been having a difficult time getting local merchants to allow her to put art in their business and to help participate. Susanne agrees and shares that we have established a history of events and programs. Susanne expresses concern that people in the community don’t know the difference between the Arts Guild and the Creative District and that can be problem for fundraising and grants and some people think both should merge. Leslie shares that the Creative district gives CAG a lot of support that can help doing future cross over events together. Mary shares that it is confusing with similar names and points out how CAG carefully picks events that don’t overextend themselves and questions how to maximize the limited volunteer resources without diluting the energy. Susanne suggests stopping the confusion. Jarod from the Independent is asking for writers and there should be an art spot or art column each week or month that each group can contribute to the clarity of each event that different groups do. Indigo suggests a monthly calendar showing each of the group’s events. Tom points out CAG has well planned events. Diane reminds us that we will discuss next month’s prompt “I would like to see the Chewelah Arts Guild focus more on…”

Standing Committee:

10.  Membership – Diane and Cindy will merge letters and invitation membership forms will go out the end of April. Discussion to make button pins with the new CAG logo for new 23/24 members. Indigo will research enamel style pins.

11.  PACA – Tom – 9 to 5 play was canceled from lack of male auditions. Stucco roof has been completed. Thank you, Tom, for pushing the roofing project from the start.

12.  Creative District – Annual meeting is May 13th, meeting start time TBD, to select new board members.

13.  Website/Facebook/Publicity/Social Media – Indigo – Everything is up to date. Susanne requests to post on Facebook a reminder that senior scholarships completed applications are due Friday April 21st by 4:00 p.m. Reviewing end of December 2022 budget, scholarship funds $1,953.75. Thank you, Diane and Traci, for getting the envelopes out. Susanne will email the schools to set up a date to pick up turned in applications, Cindy and Diane volunteer to help on committee.

14.  Quilt Show – Scheduled for Memorial Day weekend at the Civic Center. Currently not many vendors. Thursday is set up day. Needing volunteers, Indigo will bring in the signup sheet at the next meeting.

15.  Silent Auction for Geno – Diane – Asking members to donate items for silent auction. A silent auction to be held every night of the play starting May 19, 20 and 21st.

16.  Taste of Chewelah – Cindy – Scheduled for September 14th, plans for event are going well.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm. *The next meeting is scheduled for May 16th at 5:30 p.m. in the PACA meeting room.*

Submitted by Loretta Nielsen

CAG Secretary