

LGAA Monthly Meeting October 11, 2017
Wonder City Coffee

Attendance: Kelly Palmer, Shaun Perkins, Pamela Quantie, Georgia Rainbolt Marea Breedlove, Betty Perkins, Roxann Yates, Sandy Burford, Jennifer Henson, Ray Grass, Ian Hutchison, John Coday, Tristin Brunner, Shelley Horton, and Stuart Horton.

Meeting opened: Meeting opened with guest speaker, Matt Long, from Creative Oklahoma. He took information that we gave to him as far as the things we would like to see for our area and will then help to put a plan together and help us to know where to find resources to help reach those goals. Short term goal is to find the funding for the area and looking to do a "pocket park" Long term goal is to get an Art Center. Longer term goal is to hold festivals in the area. We are trying to have a place to bring in all different types of talent. He offered guidance with some funding ideas with the Non-profit charitable group by George Valverde. We would also like to bring people and community together, better the quality of living without having to travel and to bring back the "Wonder City". Marketing can be done to get us back on the map.

Treasurer's Report: We are traveling along at about a level balance through the last couple of months. We missed the September report so this month's report covered September and October. The balance brought forward in September was \$3914.40. We had deposits from the chamber 1/2 of insurance and utilities and ads of \$105.78, Paint Days grant of \$300, and Memberships of \$80. Debits for September were \$128 to Roxann Yates for reimbursement, Honey Hush Creations for supplies of \$150, LG PWA for \$66.60, Roxann Yates for Paint Days expenses of \$300, and PSO for \$56.25. The September ending balance was \$3699.33. In October we had credits of \$306 for ad sales. The debits for October were LG PWA: Water/sewer of \$66.60, PSO for \$42.30, Pam Quantie for workshop supplies of \$288.97, and reimbursement to Roxann Yates for office repair and supplies: Photo show ribbons of \$369.45. The ending balance at meeting time for October was \$3238.06. There will be \$600 coming out for the awards for the Photo show but other money is coming in from Ads and memberships. Pam motioned to accept the report as given and Roxann seconded. Passed.

LGAA Newsletter report: The newsletter is looking great. A review has said that it is better than the local paper. 500 copies go out monthly and we could have as many as 2000 readers since most are taken home to be read by other family members. This month covers the weekend events of the 14th and 15th as well as a Tribute to David Fishinghawk.

In An Instant Photo Art Show report: There are 58 to 60 pictures. We are looking for extra framed photos to display that are not in the contest but to fill the walls with photos. The judging will take place at 9:00 AM on the 14th, ribbons and awards will be announced and in place when the event opens to the public at 10:00 AM. Kelly is providing coffee and Roxann is providing cookies. We will be taking donations as well as voters being able to place votes for People's Choice award by placing money in jars.

Roxann also announced that we received a grant to purchase a programmable LED scrolling sign to put up outside of the new building. The grant was written by Roxann. John is prepared to do the programming.

Approval of reimbursements: Receipts for office supplies, Lumber yard, etc. turned in. A motion made and seconded to reimburse those receipts. Passed.

Volunteers to run our new office: Roxann is going to be in the new building next week from 2 -5 after her work shift at Wonder City. Other volunteers needed. Sandy Burford volunteered some time as well as Jennifer. We can utilize the use of community service hours. Looking to be open on Saturdays from 10-2 or 12 - 4 as well as hours during the week. No open hours are set at this time. Will need to get volunteers in place by next week if possible. A Calendar will be made with a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

Discussion adding Paypal to our website. The discussion is to link a Paypal button on the website to the bank account so that all funds will automatically go into the bank account. E-mails are sent to notify with donations or other funds have been received. Roxann motioned for this to be linked. The motion was 2nd and passed.

Fundraisers and other ideas for events: Jennifer was contacted by Mrs. Helton asking us to apply for the Big Read Grant. S.P.I.C.E. will be contacted to help with the cost occurred by this. Discussion was to use the same grant request as last time. We need to pick a book for it. Deadline is January 2018. It has been tabled until next month. More ideas to come.

ROMP NEWS: Shaun reported that she has applied for a grant to go to the American Visionary Art Museum. ROMP is hosting Haiku Contest for Halloween. It will be a costume contest and a reading contest using vintage postcards as inspiration. The rummage store will be moving soon to a new building and re-opening in that new building in November hopefully.

Betty motioned to adjourn. Roxann seconded. Adjourned.

Next meeting to be November 8, 2017