

Manchester Artists Association  
Minutes of the General Meeting  
May 6, 2024

President Jim O'Donnell opened the general meeting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the conference room of the Manchester Police Department and 22 members attended. Jim asked if there were any new members present and there were not. Jim started off saying that he thought that everyone had paid their dues but if not, they could see Rollande Rousselle. Rollande said everyone is paid up. Jim also announced that there was an official invitation/signup sheet on the table for those wishing to attend the annual End of Year Celebration and BBQ. Howard spoke briefly on the details of the event.

Joe Sweeney sold the 50/50 raffle tickets. The total tickets sales were \$38.00. The 50/50 raffle of \$19.00 was won by Rollande who donated it back to MAA.

Treasurer's Report:

Randy Snyder reported that last month we received \$110 in income from entry fees for the Audubon exhibit and one new membership (\$40). We paid one honorarium of \$150. The beginning account balance was \$2994.00, and the ending balance was \$2993.

Website:

Randy reported that the website had been down for three days for routine maintenance and backup. He reported that he had received some new digital images for the gallery and encouraged the members to submit images of their artwork if they hadn't already done so.

Newsletter:

The April newsletter was emailed to the members on April 26th. Jim asked if the members attending the meeting had received the current newsletter. Two members stated that they had not. Sharon Allen asked them to confirm their emails. Randy informed the members that the newsletter was also available in the website.

Elections:

Jim informed the members that elections for all board and committee members were required by our bylaws. He said that all the current board members and committee members had agreed to continue with their present positions. A vote by show of hands was called for each category in turn, executive board officers, standing committees, service committees and ad hoc committees. All were elected unanimously with no opposition. He announced that two committee positions were currently open, hospitality and nominations and asked for volunteers. There were no takers.

Exhibits:

Jim announced that the applications for the Harvest of the Arts exhibit at the Massabesic Audubon Center were on the table. He announced that the deadline for submission was August 23 but encouraged members to send in the entries as soon as possible.

Artist of the Year:

Jim announced that ballots for the Artist of the Year voting were on the table and that the winner would be announced at the annual party on June 1.

Scholarship:

Howard reported that he had received a total of 9 applications, 5 plus 4 new ones. Once they have all been reviewed, the committee will meet to vote and select a winner. The applicants will remain anonymous through the voting process.

Announcements:

Jim asked if there were any announcements. Howard reported that he had received 14 completed surveys including 6 at the meeting. Jim reminded the members that the artwork of winners of this month's AOTM will remain at the respective locations until just before the next scheduled meeting in September. John Webster said that our library is somewhat depleted and is in need of some additional books. He asked the members if they had any art books that they would like to donate and if so that they bring them to the next meeting in September. One of our members asked for a show of appreciation for the newly elected board and committee members.

Programs:

There were no announcements of programs.

Artist of the Month

At 7:15 p.m. Jim invited the members to vote for the artist of the month.

Jim announced that the winners of AOTM were:

Bedford Library	Jim Wong - acrylic
Creative Framing	Randy Snyder – oil
Days Jewelers	Teri DesRosiers - acrylic
Triangle Credit Un (1)	Noella Breault - oil
Triangle Credit Un (2)	Rollande Rousselle - oil
St. Mary's Bank	Judy Gelinias - pastel
City of Manchester Health	John Webster - mm

Show and Tell

This month's program was members Show and Tell. The meeting was conducted by Howard Muscott. Each member was given 4 minutes to show their artwork and comment on the medium, techniques/process, inspiration, materials used and any other information they wished to share. Howard and other members asked questions of the artists about their work and compliments were freely given. The artwork was exceptional, and the mediums presented were oils, acrylics, pastels, encaustic/multimedia, and sculpture.

The meeting closed at approx. 8:50 pm.