

WRAA Board Meeting 2/13/17

The WRAA Board met on 2/13/17 at the Fitchburg Library. Members present: Mary Ann Inman, Bruce Braun, Beverly Larson, Sharon Stauffer, Jean Lang, Sally Probasco, Sherry Ackerman, Becky Herb, Cheryl Breunig and Karen Cahill. Members absent: Marilyn Knipfer, Lisa Humke, Anne Irish, and Bobby Walker. Liese Pfeifer, the WRAP Director also attended.

Budget Discussion:

Bev Larson briefly reviewed her treasurer's report for the last fiscal year (calendar 2016). She noted that we slightly overspent the budget for last year, but the overall health of WRAA's accounts are very good, having more than \$42,693 available in various accounts.

She reviewed the budget for 2017. After a brief discussion about the possible need for additional STAMP expenditures, \$500 was added to the budget. The Board unanimously approved the amended budget on a motion by Sally and second by Jean.

WRAP Director's Report:

Liese briefly reviewed her main job duties which include: (1) managing the WRAP art collection; (2) promoting WRAPs and supporting WRAP coordinators ; (3) organizing the State Day conference; and (4) liaising with WRAA. She has 10% of a project assistant (4 hrs per wk) to help her and a student employee (8 hrs. per wk.). IMC (part of Continuing Studies) maintains the WRAP website.

She emphasized that UW still strongly supports WRAP and urges us to help her quell any rumors that the program is in trouble. The Board spent a good deal of time discussing how we can help each other since our mutual goal is to preserve the WRAP.

She said there were two committees which WRAA has already created which can help her: Communications/Membership Committee and the Fund Raising Committee. She also suggested creating a State Day Committee to help coordinate the efforts in Wausau. On a motion by Bruce, seconded by Bev, the Board approved the creation of the State Day Committee. Mary Ann will chair the committee. Other members are Becky, Sharon, Anne, Sherry and a member from Bobby's Art Group in Wausau.

Committee Reports:

Each of the working committees had previously submitted reports, so there was little discussion needed other than to commend the committees for their efforts.

Following is a listing of the working committees that reported.

1. Fund Raising Committee: Bruce Braun is chair, with Bev Larson, Mary Ann Inman, Sherry Ackerman, and Jean Lang as members with Liese Pfeifer as ex-officio.
2. Membership and Communications Committee: Cheryl Breunig is chair, with Karen Cahill, Mary Ann Inman and Becky Herb as members with Lese Pfeifer as ex-officio.
3. WRAP Enhancement Committee: Becky Herb is chair, with Sherry Ackerman, Marilyn Knipfer, Anne Irish and Jean Lang as members with Liese Pfeifer as ex-officio.

4. Youth Programs Committee: Bobby Walker is chair, with Mary Ann Inman and Lisa Humke as members.
5. Awards Committee: Sally Probasco is chair, with Jean Lang , Bev Larson and Sharon Stauffer as members with Liese Pfeifer as ex-officio.

WRAA Organizational Plan:

Based on previous Board discussions, Jean Lang crafted an overall plan for Board actions as a part of her development of a grant request to the Arts Board. The Board was impressed by the plan and adopted it on a motion by Mary Ann and seconded by Cheryl.

Additional Committee Action:

Part of the original charge for the Fund Raising Committee was to develop a Plan B which would involve WRAA taking over the WRAP if the University could no longer maintain it. After some discussion, the Board decided that a separate committee was needed to take on that assignment. Sherry Ackerman was appointed as chair, with Mary Ann Inman, Cheryl Breunig and Becky Herb as members. Liese Pfeifer will also serve on it. Since the need for Plan B isn't as urgent and the chair and other members are heavily involved in other activities, it was decided not to activate it until after October 15th.

Next Board Meeting:

The next Board meeting will be on April 24th at 10:00 am in the same conference room at the Fitchburg Library. We have the room all day if needed.