

February 19, 2009 Minutes

We had 15 members to attend our second meeting in February. The Constitution and By Laws were voted on and passed. The updated documents may be found on our website under the Documents link.

Kathy Smith updated the group on the brochure pricing. One hundred color copies are running around \$95-125 from various printers in town. Further discussions will be had by the Board on the pricing.

Mike Adkins updated the group on the progress of the downtown Gallery efforts. An Executive Board is being formed and will meet soon. Currently there are 4 confirmed Board members. Mike gave a brief update to the Tri States Art Association meeting last week on the Gallery progress.

Herb Parsons, our Treasurer, reported we have \$1042.36 in our account. This balance includes membership dues paid to date and reflects all expenses paid out.

Twenty four (24) members have paid their 2009 dues. There are 10 current members who need to pay. Dues should be paid by the second meeting in Feb. (2-19). Dues are \$20 per year for adults. Dues must be paid before entering the competition on March 5.

Committee updates were given:

- Mark Hamilton, Chair of Membership and Publicity, will begin a list for refreshments. He is continuing to put articles in locals papers about the Club meetings.
- Fred Huff, Chair of Exhibition and Contest, gave a verbal list of upcoming photo contests throughout the country and web. This is list be made available through our website and updated as Fred finds other contests.
- Rick Jackson, Chair of Program and Activities, reminded members to check out this year's "Shoot the Hills" in Hocking Hills. Several members attended last year. Rick has sent out an email asking for suggestions of outings. Please

send Rick your ideas. A few places mentioned during the meeting were Lexington Horse Races, Lexington Cemetery, Sandstone and Shepardstown.

The Rules of Competition is the next document the Board has been working on to update. Members will receive an email in the next few days with a proposed draft copy of the changes. Members are requested to review the changes and discuss via email any ideas, suggestions, or changes they would like to see added or removed. Plans are to put the document to vote at the second meeting in March (3-19) and have the document effective for the competition on April 2. If further discuss is needed these dates will be adjusted accordingly.

The meeting tonight was Bring Your Camera. Everyone brought a few pieces of their camera collection and members went around to see what all was available and ask questions about different items they were not familiar with. Check our website for a few snapshots from the meeting.

The theme of the competition on March 5 is "Hands at Work". Mike will send out another email describing the theme. Hands should be in the image. Don't forget, to compete you must be current on your dues. You may pay at the meeting prior to the competition.

Submitted by: Kathy Smith, Secretary