

MANZANO MOUNTAIN ART COUNCIL

General Membership Meeting -- February 19, 2011

Sweet Retreat @ Alpine Alley Café

Manzano Mountain Art Council

Established in 1995

The Heart of the Arts in New Mexico



PRESENT	Tomás Wolff, President; Celeste Simon, Vice President; Nancy Stone, Treasurer; Christine Franks, Secretary Board Members: Kathy Davies; Addie Draper; Kent Potter; Anne Ravenstone; Mary Schultz approximately 28 individuals
ABSENT	None

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

1. Tomás opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for attending. He then introduced the Art Council Board Members.
2. Minutes from the General Meeting in June of 2010 were unanimously approved.
3. A special mention and thank you was extended to the following individuals:
 - Kathleen Ryan-Clute - Web Site Manager
 - Vanessa Vaile - Publicity
 - Edwina "George" Hewitt - Publicity
 - Karen Smith - Grant Writing
 - Alpine Alley (Mary & Scott) - Host for food and meeting space
 - Anne Ravenstone - School Programs
 - Dale Harris - Poets & Writers Picnic
 - Plus many volunteers - Mural Projects
4. Art Council Accomplishments in 2010
 - Sunflower Festival - The festival was bigger and better in 2010. Received lots of compliments and thank you's from vendors and attendees. Next one scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 2011.
 - Community Mural Program - 5 completed with more to come
 - Potential Art/Community Center coming in Spring of 2011.
 - Community Entertainment/Concerts: Santa Fe Opera (worked with school for a week to create an opera), de Profundis (scheduled for 9-18-2011), Sons of the Rio Grand, Victor Gonzales, Wilson & McKee (also hosted a day-long school event), and André Marimba.
5. Art/Community Center: Celeste Simon and Addie Draper presented the Art/Community idea indicating the Council was building a 1, 2, and 5 year Plan. They presented the survey and solicited ideas and suggestions from the attendees. They also created a list of items that would be needed for the Center and requested donations of time and

materials. The attendees were very enthusiastic and a lively and fruitful discussion followed.

6. **Fundraising:** Kathleen Davies presented the Art Council's ideas for fundraising and the reasons for such as well as a request for donations. Kathleen indicated that Kent Potter, Joan Bybee, and Dee Melaragno are members of the fundraising committee. They presented the new membership form with different levels of contributions. The MMAC website (<http://mountainairarts.org/>) now has a button to make contributions on-line using PayPal and a credit card. Another great discussion followed with many good ideas for raising funds.
7. **Committees:** Christine Franks discussed the need for volunteers to help on a variety of committees. Sign-up sheets were available at the meeting. Initial committees suggested: Membership, Work, Fundraising, Planning, Sunflower Festival, Art/Community Center, Writing, Entertainment, arts/crafts, and Publicity/Marketing.

In conclusion, the attendees were thanked for attending and contributing their energy and ideas and reminded to volunteer for a committee. The funding for arts is decreasing and attendees were encouraged to contact their state representatives in support of the arts.

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The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. and everyone enjoyed "sweets" provided by Alpine Alley Cafe.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Franks, Secretary