

Minutes 3/30/2017

Call to order: Rich

Old Minutes:

- Minutes approved

New Business:

- New Mission revision: on the website as well
- New building: 4th and Mountain, family owned business, they need a holding deposit which will turn into the regular deposit. 2,000 square feet and 1,000 per month.
- Susan: Freemasons--they provide a lot of money for nonprofits; they prefer money to go directly to money helping people in the community. Money can be anywhere between 2,000-30,000 dollars. Susan will get the proposal forms.

MAI Business:

- Summer program planning: Applications are in (40) for five new slots and six or seven for those returning. **Interviews will be held the 22nd of April** at La Academia de Esperanza. **Start date is June 5th.** They have been working on designs: weaving our destiny--looking at our ancestors as helping to weave a more beautiful future. Tapestry.
- City contract: gone through everybody and first payment has been received.
- YCC: received letter to proceed. Can't start spending the money until June.
- MAI 2018: beginning to plan. YCC grant is due April 26th. Susan is working on YCC grant. Met with Sherri to talk about future of contract. Initial contract was to do four years/the four corners of the building--but construction may change where murals are done. One option is to follow walkway by tracks on south side, which would be two more years of tiling. Next year, same contract as this year, and the following year asking them for money to finish that side. Alternate locations: MLK memorial, or new crosswalks on Marquette and Copper, and they are interested in having ALMA create designs for those. Walls by nichos at Lomas and Edith.

*Idea to put information on website with pinpoints on a map and stories. Also maybe a closing training with youth fits into the historical sense of tile mosaic murals and public art, etc.

ALMA Business:

Accountant has been hired, she has all the documents. Loan fund is committed

Financial Update: to paying everything to do with 2016, and then ALMA will pay everything for 2017.

- Loan fund gave a lower admin fee (7%) and any other summers going forward, and on smaller projects no fee.
- Over budget about 2700--but with the new rent (1000) budget will be good
- Susan suggests seeing if you can claim auto insurance on taxes.

Admin person: Susan! Starting officially on Monday 4/3. She is looking up different grant applications, YCC, NM Community Foundation, PNM Service Grants, NEA fast track due April 13th.

ALMA Projects:

- Las Cruces project: The city will be giving an answer by April 15th. Main thing city would fund is Margarita's funding. Margarita did some fundraising and got 1,000. And she pulled 1,000 from McCune. She submitted two grants last week. Location: Parks and Rec administration building. *George suggests the new plaza/stage--maybe in the future.
- IOE benches: 30,000 was the initial plan for three benches; 9,000 has been raised so they can do one bench/modified project. Goal was to help teachers and kids heal, and that has happened.
- PCA: Partners for Community Action: Working with all immigrant women, they have felt a lot of isolation and through this connection (and training for advocacy) they have created bonds with one another and are learning about leadership. "Abriendo Puertas" logo is inside the heart that Vanessa designed--building on that. They also want to do community economic development--the women gain these basic tile working skills.

Board Recruitment-

- Rich made a motion to add George Radnovich to ALMA board, Susan seconded. Passed 2-0. Welcome to ALMA Board George. Stacey was unable to make it.
- Board donations- Now that the [paypal](#) is up and running, ALMA would like to remind the board to donate, even if its just \$5 so that in grant requests, we can show the Board gives monetary support to ALMA

*Next meeting is 5/25 @ 4p at the NEW 4th St Studio

*An HR issue with Loan Fund was brought up with the board to get their advice.

*Susan McAllister gave her letter of resignation and it goes into effect at the end of today's board meeting.