

## **Minutes for the Oct. 117, 2013 MAEA Business Meeting – Belgrade, MT.**

**Marvin opened the meeting** by greeting the new teachers and welcoming them to MAEA after we ate a delicious lunch from Frank's Deli of Bozeman hosted by MAEA.

### **New Business:**

**Our membership** is 37 strong; Marvin encouraged all of us to inspire more art teachers to become involved in our organization.

**Signatures from Big Sky:** MAEA has traditionally supported Signatures from Big Sky magazine through a donation. Marvin called for a motion to donate \$300 this year; Peggy made the motion and Amy seconded it. Motion passed. The magazine is looking for an art teacher to join the board.

**Montana Arts Interscholastics** is one of our two annual projects. This year April 25 & 26, 2014, will find MAI in Kalispell. Our webmaster Eric Hansen is helping spearhead this event. Check the website at [maeamt.org](http://maeamt.org) to sign up and learn what's upcoming for MAI in the Flathead.

**2015: MAI in Dillon.** Dates?

**New officers at MAEA:** Sally Behr Schendel (Sheridan) is president; Amy York (Missoula) is vice-president and memberships; Adriane Arredondo-Becker (Billings) is treasurer; and Frankie Kelly (Superior) is secretary.

**Our web guru** is Eric Hansen of Glacier High; he'd be grateful for any stories, pictures, or lesson plans you can send him for our online winter newsletter.

**Dolly Carroll Fund:** Sign up sheets for e mail lists and the Dolly Carroll Fund were circulated. Account has \$6,000; it withdraws \$200-\$300 a year awarding scholarships to teachers attending the fall conference.

**New reps:** Marie Shirley Jones of Red Lodge: elem. Rep; April Fox of Turner: middle school rep; River Neman of Boulder: h.s. rep.

Many thanks to all who are volunteering to serve art teachers in the state and our organization!

**Teacher of the Year Crowning Celebration** was announced; all invited to attend at MSU's Fine Arts Gallery at 5:00 p.m.

**Visitor Dean Adams** of the MSU Fine Arts Dept. invited interested teachers to consider joining the Integrative Teaching conference June 8-11 and to contact him for more information.

**Lubrecht Winter Retreat** is March 8 & 9; it will again be held at the Lubrecht Experimental Forest Station on Hwy. 200 east of the Garnet turn off. Suggestions for workshops were solicited; pastels, encaustics, eco-green sculptures were suggested. Peggy Leverton and Sally B. Schendel are organizing and all info/sign up will again be posted on the MAEA website.

**NAEA is in San Diego:** our ATY winner will receive \$150 to help defray the costs of attending. The organization would appreciate it if he/she would attend the Delegates Assembly at the NAEA Conference. NAEA 2015: N'Orleans!

**Fall 2014 MEA-MFT: Missoula!** After a lively discussion, we agreed it is imperative that MAEA offers classes, camaraderie, and support for the arts in our public schools by having all workshops in town with the conference rather than offsite. We believe our Winter Retreat serves our members' needs for professional development as artists.

Last but not least, there is growing enthusiasm for increasing our organization's advocacy for the arts in Montana. Perhaps someone will step forward to spearhead that effort!

**The meeting was adjourned** at 1:00 p.m. after both Marvin and Mike Kujawa were thanked for all their hard work as president and conference coordinator.