**----MAC BOD MINUTES-----**

Date of meeting: Wednesday September 21, 2016

Board Members Attending:

Lennie Watts

Julie Miller

John Koprowski

Kim Grogg

Stearns Matthews

Frank Dain

Thomas Honeck

Jennie Litt

Jim Speake

James Mase

Sidney Myer

Advisory Board Members Attending: Roy Sander Apologies: Bob Diamond, Amy Wolk, Ricky Ritzel, Sherry Eaker, Kim Sutton

Meeting commenced at: 7:04

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1. The meeting began with Lennie welcoming new board members: Jennie Litt and James Mase. Lennie went on to state that Kim Sutton (new board member) could not attend. Kim sent her regrets. Lennie also took time to express our thanks to Jim Speake for his 5-year service to the board. Departing board member Billie Roe did not attend.

2. Treasurer's Report- For the benefit of the new members, John explained the finance reports and how they work. A line by line discussion of expenses ensued ending with John explaining that MAC is in good financial standing. Stearns Matthews motioned to approve the report and Julie seconded. All remaining board members approved by saying aye.

3. Membership Report: Stearns reported that we have 602 members. Last year at this time membership was 562. It was also pointed out that we acquired several new members through MAC 2 School.

4. Upcoming and Past Events/Seminars-

-MAC 2 School wrap-up: Lennie thanked those who helped out with the weekend. We had 30 people in attendance. It was determined that it was a success. The studio space was nice and Janice Hall was very helpful and accommodating. The panels and workshops went well and the weekend was deemed a big success. Pictures were taken and can be seen on FaceBook and the MAC website. Stearns reported that a survey was sent out to those who attended and the feedback will be used in planning next year’s event.

-Flea Market Sunday 9/25. It was reported that donations will be taken at DTM starting on Thursday 9/22. Volunteers are needed to help Amy set up from 8:30-10:00 and also during the afternoon from 1:00-6:00. Kim Sutton has volunteered to help Amy move things from her apartment on Sunday morning.

-MAC Annual Meeting is Saturday October 22nd: Lennie reported that it will be held at 12 noon at Studio 353. The annual meeting, a mandatory yearly meeting, is usually done prior to a regular Wednesday meeting but because of the Cabaret Convention it will be held on a Saturday this year. Lennie explained all the things that are discussed at the annual meeting including the introduction of officers. Lennie then turned to Julie to explain how officers are elected.

Julie talked about the duty of each office and then asked if current officers wanted to put themselves up again for the same office. All current officers were voted in uncontested. Lennie Watts remains as president, Julie Miller as vice-president and John Koprowski as treasurer. The office of secretary remained open because Bille Roe decided not to return to the Board. Kim Sutton was contacted and asked if she would like to run. Kim ran uncontested, so Kim Sutton is the new secretary.

-They Write the Songs: This year the show is Sunday November 20th from 4-6pm followed by a reception. The event will once again be held at Baruch College. Julie Gold will host and the lineup of talent is being secured.

-Other Fall Activities: The Julie Wilson Dedication show is Sunday October 30th at 3pm at Don’t Tell Mama. Julie’s son, Holt, is very excited to be involved and he will be sharing a preview of a new documentary about Julie. This event will have a minimum charge of $15 and reservations will be taken only on the MAC website. The Jan Wallman event has been moved to January 29th at 4pm at the Duplex.

-The Holiday Party is Monday December 5th. It will be again held at ELMO.

-The MAC Awards will be held on Tuesday March 28th, 2017. It was advised that we all mark our calendars. Doors open at 6pm and the show starts at 7:30.

-Amy reported to Lennie that the MAC YouTube page has 528 subscribers with over 430,00 views and approximately 390 videos uploaded. Amy also created an Instagram page: cabaretmacnyc.

-BOD Election and Online Voting Going Forward: The new online voting system was determined to be a big success. More MAC members voted in this past Board election than had ever voted before in any other MAC balloting event. The new online voting system, which is confidential and secure, will be used going forward for all MAC voting: MAC Awards and MAC Board elections.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:21