

MAS General Meeting Minutes – November 22, 2024

President, Julia Bezgacheva, called the meeting to order and October meeting minutes were approved with one correction.

Hanna Emrich, gave the treasurer's report:	Beginning balance	\$8350.20
	Income	\$1146.10
	Expenses	\$ 997.08
	Ending Balance	\$8499.22

We had 3 sales at Springhill and 1 at Oakmont.

Larry Danforth updated the status at Oakmont. The main level hanging system will be in place for the next changeover, 12/10.

Gabriela Natiello has contacted McLean Community Center about publicizing our demonstrations at monthly meetings. They agreed to include that information in their newsletter. To place meeting information in other local publications, she needs information about the demonstrators five weeks in advance of upcoming demonstrations.

There will be an opportunity to show art at the Virginia Chamber Concert again. Date to be determined.

Hanna Emrich will be mailing the new directory to all members soon. In future, the deadline for submission of annual dues will be September 10th to precede hanging at Springhill and Oakmont. Payment will continue to be by cash or check only.

Julia and Larry Danforth have been working on the revised website, which will be ready to launch soon. Information about its new features will be sent to all members when it goes online. The major new feature will be each artist's ability to manage her/his own gallery page to keep it current. The temporary password to access your page is: MAS123. Then to change your password, push the "password update" button and enter your first initial with your last name. There will also be an instructional video on the website on how to update your page.

The February show is scheduled for 2/7-9 at the Church of the Covenant. Julia will chair and needs a co-chair to work with her. The top sales price limit will be \$150, with 10% commission to MAS. There will be no limit on the number of paintings artists can submit.

We are looking for a new venue for the May '25 show to draw on a new pool of patrons. Mike Potashnik is checking at his temple and Mickie Timmons is checking at St. John's. Julia will contact the MCC events manager. If anyone knows of another suitable space, preferably in McLean, please make contact or let someone else know who could contact them.

Julia plans to send a quarterly newsletter to our patrons beginning in January '25. This is to announce upcoming shows, etc. Judy Landry maintains the patrons list. Only people who have consented to receive emails from MAS may be added to it.

Our holiday party will be hosted by Charlotte and Mike Potashnik on Saturday, 12/14, from 12-3. Charlotte will ask guests to sign up for what they will bring. Charlotte will send an email to those not present at this meeting to sign up.

We encourage all members to attend the meetings to see the excellent demonstrations and to invite friends to join us.

Lori Lisiecki, Secretary

