

MAA Board Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2026, 6pm, Studio 55

Present: Nate, Megan, Ingrid, Lexi, Peggy, Fran, RC, Denise

Absent: Gina, Lorena, Janet, Mason, Kelsey

Board Reports

Jan. minutes approved

-Treasurer's report, Peggy - January balance \$33,198. Waiting for \$2k ARTSCCC grant and the grant for the Black History Month musical performance. Peggy provided a proposed budget for 2026 – see attached.

-Membership report, Fran Renewal letters are going out every month. We have 3 new patron members. Need a better membership application process so Fran will get all of the person's info. Many email addresses are not legible. Could we add the membership email address to the form on Paypal? Maybe use a contact form on the MAA website? **More research will be done, Denise to help.**

Initiative Updates – Committee Reports

1. Marketing/Social Media/Website/PR:

- a. **Brochure design** -Nikole Rodrigues working on 2026 brochure. Goal to complete by March 19 for the MAA mixer. The brochure will have a QR code directing people to the MAA homepage Need to determine cost.
- b. **Social Media** – **we need someone to take the lead to regularly post on IG and FB.** In the meantime, Denise is trying to cover.
- c. **Website** – Denise added payment links to the MAA homepage for Zelle and Venmo. Ideally we want the Venmo to show as MAA, not Peggy's name. **Peggy to look into changing the profile name on the Venmo account.**
- d. **PR** – need to publicize the grants MAA has been awarded. ARTSCCC, etc. **Denise will do Gazette article for the March issue, due mid Feb.**

2. Rotating exhibits

- a. **We need a committee chair.** Nate is covering for now. Artists are lined up for the venues until about June or July. Mason is in the library now and Nancy Roberts is going in next, then Cheryl Keyes. Denise is in Five Suns, Lorena is in Roxx, Kelsey is in the Campbell and Lexi will go into the Campbell next. **Kelsey and Lexi need to coordinate with the theater for a Wednesday date changeover.**

3. MUSD Committee, (maa.grants.scholarships@gmail.com) Janet, Megan, Gina

- a. **Teacher Grants:** Five Suns student art show confirmed for April 13-23 – extend to May 1 for First Friday. Art pickup/installation dates TBD
- b. **Scholarships:** applications open **Feb. 9-March 23.** **Post application and flyer on website (Denise).** Awards **Reception is May 26. Gina offered to** work with her contacts at AHS, Vicente and Briones to circulate the information and can post to the MAA social

media. Flyer was sent to Denise, and the application link is here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBf1161eGAMwPELGDNWwglrOAGfp1hh2x_GDSfiZEzrCdkGA/viewform

4. Finance Committee (Nate & Denise)

a. MRC Grant: Need to set date for meeting with Ann from MRC for 2026 grant (before March 1st) **Denise**

b. 2026 ARTSCCC DAP grant awarded to MAA, payment was mailed on 1/12/26 **Need to keep checking MAA PO Box. Nate out of town until Feb. 24. Janet?** We will need to send a thank you letter and post once received.

c. Sponsorship Gameplan for 2026: Finalize materials and post where everyone can access **(Denise)**. There is a spreadsheet with businesses. We can all sign up to contact who we want, and add to the list. **Materials:** Need to adjust wording on AIP discount. Nate has a supply of MAA letterhead and envelopes. **Our goal is to get these requests out to businesses asap.**

5. Public Arts Committee (Nate, Megan)

a. "Papa Jake" Memorial sculpture in Ygnacio Plaza. \$1,250 approved for a brick. We will ask for the larger brick. **Who is going to follow up with Brandy?**

b. 2026 Painted Piano Project. Need to decide on a location. A better spot in the Plaza? Need signage and security.

c. Martinez 150th Celebration: we need an update from the city about Martinez 150th "Painted" Utility box program that is coming this year. August 29 is the big 150 year celebration at the Marina. MAA can do something at the event. What is MAA going to do? **Tabled for now, add to March agenda.**

Upcoming Events

1. First Fridays: next FF on 2/6/26 ("Love Hurts" Group Exhibition at Busywork)

2. Black History Month concert at AHS PAB: **2/28/26**, 7pm. Joe obtained insurance certificate.

a. Publicity: Post on Martinez Rants & Raves, hand out flyers, include in newsletters and social media posts. Gina offered to get sign-off from the school district so we can have flyers distributed to the students in the elementary schools, junior high and high schools and email the music teachers at MJHS and AHS with the soft copy. **Thank you Gina!**

b. MAA Presence – we will have a table. We can take turns staffing. **Set up a Sign-up Genius?**

c. Food Concession: Megan has been cleared to sell food with the Bullpups to fundraise for MJHS band. **RC will bring recycling and garbage containers.**

d. Ushers: Ms. Stafford should be able to provide 6-8 ushers to help w/ volunteers

3. **MCE Mural unveiling: Boys and Girls Club 3/7/26 10:00 AM.** MAA is invited to attend.

4. **Chamber Mixers:** MAA Mixer at Main Street Arts: **3/19/26**, 4:30-6:30pm (Had to change date due to schedule conflicts). **Need to finalize food and drink details, and whatever MAA materials we want to hand out.** All MAA board members and volunteers are encouraged to attend.

a. **There is a mixer at the Boys & Girls Club on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 6pm.** (RC and Denise are planning to go, others are welcome)

5. **Earth Day April 18–** need to sign up for a table.

6. **SWAN Day:** MRC Clubhouse 5/16/26 10-4pm – vendor fee to be \$25 for members, \$40 for non-members. Mark Thomson is arranging the music acts. Megan updated the fillable PDF application. **Applications due May 2.** Gina offered to set up online registration. This would be great if we have time (**Janet and Gina to discuss**). For now Denise will post the fillable PDF app and promote on social media. Need insurance certificate (Denise). **Gina offered to design or update posters and banners. Yes please, and thank you Gina. Janet will manage vendors. Need to set up next SWAN Day subcommittee meeting.**

7. **Art in the Park:** 8/16/26, 10am-5pm. -Need to develop road map for AITP 26 (Figure out targets/deadlines for all city applications/paperwork)Nate will be taking the lead and will need help from others navigating the city process with permits, etc. **We need to form the subcommittee and get started as soon as Nate is back on the 24th. Who will be on the committee?** Denise will do marketing and PR.

New Business

1. **Bullpup Board invited MAA to their casino night fundraiser, (Saturday, February 7, 6PM @ yacht club)** \$85 donation, benefitting the Martinez Junior High School music program! Entry includes entry, dinner & chips to play.
2. **We need a new 6-8 ft. vinyl MAA banner – see if PDQ has the artwork. Denise**

Old Business

1. **“Cheers to Art” MAA EOY Group Show (recap)** – we had one sale of Carol Rose’s glass piece which Dorrie bought. A 15% donation was paid to MAA.

2. **Storage -Emails -Misc.** – tabled for now

Adjourn 7:40pm

Next MAA Board meeting March 2, 6:00pm @Studio 55_