

**FALLS CHURCH ARTS**  
**All Member Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 8, 2009**  
**2:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Marty Meserve at 2:08 PM. Thirty-four people were present, including ten Board members and guest Laura Hull.

**Welcome and Introduction:** Marty Meserve, outgoing president, asked the Board members to introduce themselves: Marty Behr, outgoing member, Michele Black, Gina Caceci, Barb Cram, Liz Day, Dede Haas, Jim Lynch, Shaun van Steyn, and Susan G. Boggs, Secretary.

**Secretary's Report:** Susan gave a summary of the minutes from the 2008 All Member Meeting. She reminded the members present that the full text of last year's minutes were on the web site, as will be this year's.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marty Behr gave the account balances in the Treasurer's (Cathy Kaye's) absence. FCA has \$23,500 in its operating account, and \$81,400 put aside for Pearson Square.

**Report of the Nominating Committee:** The nominating committee, comprising Gina Caceci, Dede Haas, and Jim Lynch, presented three names for election to the Board. The slate included two current Board members, Joe Wetzel and Susan G. Boggs, and one new member, Denise Philipbar. Denise was asked to say a few words introducing herself.

MOTION: to accept the slate by voice vote acclamation.

Moved by Marty Meserve

Seconded by Marty Behr

The motion was passed and the slate accepted unanimously.

Customarily it would be time for the new Board to elect its President, but Gina asked that first a tribute be presented to Marty Meserve, our outgoing President. Gina read tributes from Tom Gittins, one of FCA's co-founders, Helene Safford, a former Board member, and herself. Michele Black read a tribute from Board member Jane Scully, then Liz Day, Barb Cram, Jim Lynch, Marty Behr, Debby Conn, Shaun van Steyn, and Laura Hull each read his/her own. Marty Behr, on behalf of the FCA Board, gave Marty Meserve gift certificates and Shaun van Steyn presented her with a framed photo.

Gina called for a motion to nominate Jim Lynch as President.

MOTION: That Jim Lynch be elected by the Board as its President.

Moved by Barb Cram

Seconded by Susan Boggs

The motion passed unanimously.

Marty M passed on to Jim the “talking stick,” which she proposed would help him keep order in the Board meetings.

FCA’s new President, Jim Lynch, spoke of his vision for the future of our organization. His main focus was the need to significantly increase FCA’s membership. We currently have 117 member households. Jim explained that the larger the organization the more participants and viewers are involved. Larger organizations appeal to companies which would like to add luster to their public relations, “enlightened self-interest,” as Jim calls it. He gave an example of Dominion Virginia Power, which has expressed interest in contributing to the FCA and Creative Cauldron partnership at Pearson Square. Jim urged all FCA members to actively bring in new members.

**Report on *Illumination All Member Show and Sale:*** Debby Conn will be curating the 6<sup>th</sup> annual All Member Show. This year the theme is “Illumination,” signifying both the artist’s idea for the work and how the art speaks to the viewer. Debby reminded the members to pick up the entry forms and enter their art. The show will open at Don Beyer Volvo on Friday, February 27, and will continue in the empty Art Space at Pearson Square. Phil Napala will provide his tent, Denise Philipbar will loan the portable walls from her studio, and those, along with FCA’s portable screens, should provide plenty of hanging space.

**Pearson Square Plans and Progress:** Marty Meserve and Laura Hull gave an update on the progress. The lead architect, William Poulis, understands the need for flexibility of space. Some walls will be temporary, many areas will be delineated by curtains, and the lighting grid has been expanded. There is on the plan a “demising” wall, which is correct on the blueprint but not yet in fact – it will be moved back to achieve the originally promised 3000 square feet and to give the performing area a higher ceiling. Marty and Laura emphasized the complete collaboration between FCA and Creative Cauldron. They envision synergy between what’s happening in the theater and what’s on the gallery walls. Parking was discussed, and it was determined that it would not be an issue during the times we have the most need.

**Fundraiser Plan for March 21:** Dede Haas is working with Laura Hull on the Capital Campaign. The object is to raise \$10,000 through simultaneous dinner parties/soirees held on March 21. We hope to organize 20 dinners in people’s homes, selling tickets for \$50 per person, with a minimum of \$400 generated per party. Each dinner party would include beverages and dessert, and would feature an artist who could show work and give a small talk, or a performing artist. Members are strongly invited to participate.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 PM. Everyone was invited to walk down the hall and see the future Art Space.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan G. Boggs, Secretary