Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen
Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Attendance

Board Members and Officers

- Teresa Webb – Secretary
- Chad Eames – President Interim
- David Napier – Board Member (Zoom)
- Pamela Cveticanin – Board Member
- Erica Chambers – Board Member
- Benjamin Maddox – Interim Vice President
- Alvis Agee – Board Member
- Melissa Oesch – Board Member
- Julia Thamann – Treasurer
- Shawnna Southerland – Board Member

Members

- Deb Chenault – Member
- Marianne Brown – Member (Zoom)
- Jennifer Hartnell- Member
- Kristin Warren- Member (Zoom)
- Drew Dilts- Member (Zoom)
- Misty Martin- Member (Zoom)
- Jeremy Taylor – Supporting Member

Reports and updates

Secretary's report: Teresa Webb

The board approved the August report emailed before the meeting. Benjamin moved to accept the minutes, and Melissa seconded.

Treasurer's report: Julia Thamann

Revenue was **$5,547.78**, expenses were **$7,701.09**, and the monthly net loss was **$2,153.31**. Total assets were reported as **$212,590.57**. The board approved the report, moved by Teresa and seconded by Melissa. A roughly $1,484 Square notification associated with “TLT Photography” was questioned. The card number reportedly did not match the Guild’s, and the bank account still needed to be checked.

Membership Committee Report: Shawann Southerland

The committee reported 154 exhibiting members, one supporting member, and two lifetime members. Renewal emails are planned for November 1. The discussion indicated that the committee removes unpaid memberships after December 31.

Board Nominations Committee: Alvis Agee

The nomination process is underway. Seven board members were nominated. Two declined, four were confirmed, and one remains unconfirmed. Nominees have until October 1 to accept; voting is expected to end on October 31, with terms beginning in January.

Exhibits and Education: Erica Chambers

The *In Good Hands* accessibility program has had mixed attendance. Erica plans to discuss an extension or possible change in use of funds with the Madison County Health Department.

The members’ exhibit was being prepared for the new space, with artwork drop-off planned for October 1–10 and the exhibit running through November 11. Artist statements are needed.

America250: We submitted the final report for *From Function to Heritage*. The meeting reported more than 32,000 visitors, eight new partnerships, and on-budget spending.

Music has been set for the Fall Art Market. We will announce Holiday Market information next week.

Dr. Jaleesa Wells has contracted with us for two partnerships- Camp Nelson and Xavier University.

Hilary, the internship program from the South Arts Fellows Folk Art Center, is also interested in collaborating with KGAC.

An internship through UK could also be possible.

Grant and Fundraising: Chad Eames

The final report for America 250 has been submitted, and leadership transitions remain ongoing. Additionally, the KY Arts Rising grant awarded $1,500.

Marketing Report: David Napier

David reported that he had completed an introductory video for the artist spotlight series and filmed an interview with Kristen Warren. He planned to post the introduction first, followed by Kristen's video. Members also discussed making longer artist videos for the Guild's gallery and YouTube channel.

A $200 social media campaign for the Fall Art Market was underway on Facebook and Instagram, budgeted at $8 per day for 25 days. Members were encouraged to add the Guild as a collaborator when posting relevant events and shows.

Archives and partnerships: The Guild discussed possible help from the Madison County Public Library with digitizing records and future programming or internships with college partners. Members noted that records retention and storage arrangements need to be resolved before disposing of paper records.

Fall Art Market: Benjamin Maddox

The committee reported 63 applications at the time of its update. It was still seeking some food vendors (non-American food) and volunteers. The committee adjusted advertising plans after tourism advertising support came in below expectations. The committee also explored a backup shuttle option. The next fair committee meeting was set for **September 29**.

For Fall Art Market advertising, materials had been sent to Fox 56 for a commercial, radio sponsorship had been arranged, and street banners were up. The fair committee reported that advertising support from Tourism, Arts and Heritage was $5,000, below the amount anticipated. Some funds originally budgeted for social media were used for travel-stop sandwich boards**.**

There will be no swag bags this year due to budget cuts.

The Seabury Center Parking lot is secured.

The City of Berea informed us that the van will be wrapped during the Art Market. As a result, we will reach out to Kentucky River Foothills about shuttle availability and pricing.

The Artisan Center Dining Room has been confirmed for the Artist Oasis.

Letters of invitation were sent out.

Standards: Melissa Oesch

New member orientation: Approximately 10 new members attended. The group sent a recording and follow-up materials to members who could not attend.

NEW Business

- **Advisory board:** The board voted to add **Deb Chennault and Dan Barnes** as nonvoting advisory board members. The transcript does not clearly capture the mover and seconder.
- **Bank signers:** The group agreed to list the Interim President, Chad Eames, Secretary Teresa Webb, Treasurer Julia Thamann, and Board Member Erica Chambers as the proposed authorized signers for the Community Trust Bank account. The bank requires documentation and identification for the new signers. The discussion favored providing sensitive personal information directly to the bank.
- **Move to Chestnut Street:** The Guild expected official possession on October 1. Members discussed scheduling volunteers for packing and getting a quote or availability from Jade to move heavy items. Members also discussed a walkthrough, the first rent payment, and how to handle the existing deposit.
- **Opening event:** Members discussed holding a grand opening while the members' exhibit is on display. **November 6 was mentioned as a possible reception date**, but the transcript does not establish a final date or budget.

The board approved a motion to enter closed session. During this executive session, the board discussed South Arts fiscal sponsorship and email access permissions. After the discussion, the board approved a motion to return to open session, after which the meeting was adjourned.