

Members of the Patrick County Board of Directors had an impromptu meeting when meeting for lunch at the Honduras Coffee shop on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. Those present were Linda Daumen, Joyce Grooms and Betty Kirkpatrick. Marciea Bartlett (member extraordinaire) also attended.

We mourned and celebrated the decision to lease the storefront in the George Building. Our rent will be \$325.00/month. We have an anonymous benefactor contributing \$125.00/month to offset the cost for one year. Some things considered and questioned during the con-fab include:

1. when do we want to start the lease?
2. is the deposit still waived if we clean house?
3. what about those nasty ceiling tiles?
4. we need a phone
5. we need a name
6. what about the AEP meter. . . hers or ours?
7. does she have a contract for us?
8. who gets a key?
9. how are we going to raise money for this?
10. how will we equip it?

So many questions, so little time!

A decision was made to call the shop "The Patrick County Partnership for the Arts -- Arts on Main, Gallery and Studio. Linda will work on a design for the windows; and presented her 'dreamscape' of the interior design of the gallery.

Betty will work on establishing the 'business' of the lease. She will work with Ms. Marsh on the payment plan, the benefactor's tax credits, the insurance and the AEP meter. When working with Ms Marsh she will establish a starting date/access date (hopefully March 1) and lease payment plan; an effort will be made to clarify the waiving of a deposit, the replacement of the ceiling tiles and a contract. Betty will purchase the phone, a more suitable cash box, a receipt book, a sales tax chart and a wall calendar -- first looking for something free, shopping only when absolutely necessary. She will see if a wireless network is available nearby.

Linda presented a plan for the use of facility by local artisans -- consignment sales, classes, working hours. This will be presented at our next meeting to representatives of the Bull Mountain Arts. Marciea expressed a concern with regards as to 'who pays whom' when sub-leasing space, charging sales tax for consignment pieces and filing business records. Betty will look into the business of this with Jim Allen and with Walter Miller. It was decided to join the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce -- hoping this will bring a wider network of contacts to our effort.

Linda will work with the local FreeCycle groups in Floyd and Henry County to locate hardwood doors for use as screens in the gallery. Betty will work with the school system to locate possible auctions of office equipment. Anyone aware of additional sources to find used (but in good shape) tables, chairs, shelves, display cabinets -- should contact members of the PCPA BOD.

It was suggested that guests register for a door prize each time they come into the gallery; a monthly drawing will be held for a \$10.00 gift certificate at the gallery. This provides a mailing list and it gets folks back into the shop.