

The June 16,2018 meeting of the MCGA was opened by President Stephanie Clere at 9:30 a.m., with nine members present.

Minutes: Sandy Hinrichs made a motion to accept the May minutes as printed on the web site,second Lois Owens, motion carried.

Treasures report: Lou White presented the report-  
Balance as of May,'18 \$2830.96;  
income- \$71.75 ( \$50.00 workshop, \$21.75 gourds sold);  
Expense- \$120.00 ( \$50.00, workshop, \$70.00, two months room rent)  
leaving a balance of \$2782.71.  
Approved As read.

Sunshine-Steph reported she had contacted Billie Capp and found out Billie is recovering from an accident and has not been able to attend meetings.

Survey\_ Steph contacted several members , who had not been attending MCGA workshops to get their input and was told they didn't have the gourd for the project and teacher's paint list were long and often some paint colors not available. Lois commented that many teachers have the necessary colors and are willing to share. Sandy said members are always willing to share and hoped they would consider that for the upcoming workshops.

Old Business:

Business cards. Lenore Sieks reported that Vista no longer has the free cards available. She said the cost of 500 was \$9.99 plus shipping. Lou made a motion to have her order the cards; second Steph, motion carried.

New Business:

Proposed Bylaws- The members approved having the proposed By Laws be posted on the web site for members to review instead of mailing them out.

Workshops-

August – No Meeting

September 's will be taught by Carole Sheftic;

October - an oval basket by Sharon Balardi ( seminar). ;

November Hazel Small

December- Christmas party, hosted by officers, plus making an ornament to take home.

There will be more information on the seminar and workshops for the fall months.

Sandy said she would bring a wall hanging to the July meeting for members to see if they would like to try something different for one of the spring workshops. She said she could provide the background at a nominal fee.

Fund Raiser: Sandy told members that a few of the members were looking into renting table space at the Eustis Thursday Flea market in November. She said table cost was \$10-15 per table. This would give an opportunity to try sell some of our completed projects. Lou said if members were interested in donating items for a fund raiser, the club could rent an additional table.

Donna Shaver made a motion to adjourn, second, Lois, meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

This month's workshop was presented by Sandy- Angel. She instructed members on the amount of Quik Wood needed to make head and neck and showed them how to apply to form neck. This gave them a starting point in arm placement. The wings were made with H.D. watercolor paper, painted and glittered. Lois brought some products she received from Deco Art,; such as; metallic Lustre and metallic dazzle,crackle, etc. and told members they could use any of these . Once head was dried the wings were placed than the hair, which went down back securing wings.

All members completed their Angels . They were all a little different, but beautiful.

Respectively Submitted,

Lou White sect/treas.

### **By Laws draft as of June 20. 2018**

Here is the First draft of our By Laws...

Any comments or suggestions any of you have to the By Laws For MCGA Please email them to :  
Stephanie at: sclere@msn.com

Please Note...this is a first draft not a final it's a work in progress We are open to all input and suggestions.

The potential final will be posted on web site with a vote on date.

### **Marion County Gourd Artist**

I. Objective- to educate, promote and encourage the crafting of gourds.

II.-Membership- open to anyone interested in gourds and willing to pay annual dues.

a.- individual- \$16.00/ year.

b. family-\$25.00 per year includes any two members of family

c. dues- amount recommended by elected officers and approved by membership

III- Board of Directors- consist of elected officers- president, vice president, secretary and treasure

a. meetings- called by president as deemed necessary

b. meetings may be by e-mail, or phone if physical meeting not possible.

IV- Officers- elected by ballot or show of hands by a majority of members at the annual meeting.

a. president-preside at meeting, set-up committees as appropriate to help manage parch affairs.

b. vice president- assist president and assume duties of president in his/her absence.

c. secretary-keep record of business at meetings and board of director meetings, Conduct all necessary

correspondence and present a copy of minutes at the following meeting or publish on patch web site.

d. keep account of all monies and deposit in designated account. All bills and expenses must be presented to treasurer

in written form (receipt) in order to be paid. A detailed report of all receipts and disbursements shall be presented

to membership at next meeting.

e. vacancy- In case of a vacancy prior to election, the Board of Directors should appoint a member to fill office

until the next election.

V- Committees:

a. Membership- This person shall collect dues, establish and keep record of membership and give or forward dues to treasurer. A letter acknowledging receipt of dues should be sent. Suitable notices should be sent to members in arrears and provide membership with an up dated list when requested.

b. ways and means- come up with various activities to help provide monies to support patch These monies

to be turned over to treasurer at end of activity.

c. Publicity- announce all patch activities through local news, media or other publications All information

request to put anything on web site besides normal workshops , seminars and minutes should be approved by president.

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d. Historian- compile scrapbook and pictures of activities.

e. Nominating- 2-3 members appointed by president two months prior to election. These members should provide a slate of officers and personally meet with them.

f. auditor- verify treasures records yearly or whenever a new treasurer takes office.

VI- Admndments- By Laws may be amended with a 2/3 majority of membership. The text of proposed

amendment to be presented to Board of Directors and published on web 30 days prior to vote,

VII\_ vacancy- any officer leaving office prior to election should surrender all papers and information to elected or appointed successor.

VIII- workshops- will be presented by member of the patch, According to previous approved minutes at the February 2018 meeting, teachers will receive \$10.00 per student, not including any supplies, etc. Visitors will

\$15.00 ( approved at March 2018).

IX- Seminars- any individual not a member of MCGA. The cost of the seminar will be determined at least two

months prior to time given. At which time a list of materials will be displayed on web site. Seminars will be open to non-members at an additional charge.

a. Price for seminar must be paid at least one month prior to date given. This will give the patch enough time to

cancel in case enough members do not sign up for class.

b Refund-will only be given in case of cancellation, or notified at least 72 hours prior to class due to major illness

or family emergency

X-Dissolution- All debts of patch must be paid. No funds shall be inured to members as individuals.