

Friends of the Visual Arts
dba Willamette Art Center
December 10, 2022

BOARD MINUTES

Attendance: Cindy Nelson, Kevin Herzberg, Dave McConnell, Heather Skinner, Sage Dunham, Karen Hackney, Pat Gruber, Jennifer Beugli

Non-Board Member Attendance: Pam Baldwin, Jennifer Lassen, Claudia Hill, Jesse Breon,

Absent: Jose Hanson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:08pm

Secretary's Report: Karen Hackney

Karen motioned to accept November board minutes by email on 12/4/2022. Dave seconded and all approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

- Umpqua Checking \$84,300.81
- Umpqua Savings \$58,881.21
- Petty Cash. \$ 397.00
- TOTAL \$143,579.02

President's Report: Cindy Nelson

Pass to Dave: Empty Bowls proceeds \$33,000. Discussion ensued with Doug and the Budget Committee. They felt the WAC should retain money to cover expenses such as time, equipment wear and tear, staffing. 60% to MPFS and 40% to the WAC. Dave motioned to donate \$20,000 to MPFS which represents approximately 60%. Karen seconded. All approved, Motion carried.

Empty Bowls event - Cashiers captured donations at EB designated for the WAC. Total \$1,319.00 Dave motions to apply these donations to our scholarship fund. Jennifer Beguli seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

AV - We came out ahead with \$7,500.

President - Cindy Nelson

EB - Demonstrations and Raffle items were very popular. Will build upon for next year. Patrons are asking for more open studio time.

Director's Report: Doug Dacar

Family Clay Sunday will begin January 8, 2023. There are masking concerns. Will side on using caution. Will begin the day with disinfectant fogger.

Volunteer Coordinator position was discussed in the budget meeting. Would exclude Monitors.

Staff Report:

- **Nikki Svarverud** -
- **Luke Chicquaye** -

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

TOT Grant?? Was submitted early and now we wait. New brochures are now available at the front counter. They have been designed to explain who we are and are excellent to use for fundraising purposes. Patrons are asking for more open studio time. Board already approved use of the old gallery space. ED will coordinate how to use the space.

Committee Reports:

Personnel: Kevin Herzberg - None

Strategic Planning: Sage Dunham - Asking to create a link in the newsletter to obtain community feedback.

Nominating/Bylaws: Karen Hackney - Jose has submitted his resignation.

Budget: David McConnell - Working hard to have the 2023 budget ready to present at the January 2023 board meeting for voting. Budget committee tasking the new board to educate the community what it takes to operate the WAC. Fees need to increase.

Safety/Facility: Sage Dunham - Will blow leaves on roof

Marketing/Communications: Jennifer Beugli/Heather Skinner - Posted on social media Empty Bowls and Winter workshops. Oscar, WAC patron, has offered his knowledge and help to re-obtain our facebook page.

Newsletter: Heather Skinner - committee continues to solicit for articles.

Empty Bowls: Pat Gruber - Posted on social media "last minute gift ideas" to sell left over empty bowls.

Artisan Village: Kevin Herzberg - 2023 underway. Application forms are being updated.

Scholarship: Sage Dunham - ED reviewed applications and has granted 3 scholarships for the Winter term.

Auditing:

Ad-hoc Committees:

Meeting Adjourned: 6:15pm

Next Board Meeting: To be determined by the new board for 2023.

Parking Lot: Items not finalized for current meeting

Submitted by Karen Hackney
WAC Board Secretary

Approved _____ Date _____

Cindy Nelson - President