

Friends of the Visual Arts
dba Willamette Art Center
Saturday July 12, 2022

BOARD MINUTES

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

Non-Board Member Attendance: Nikki Svarverud

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm

Secretary's Report: Karen Hackney

June Minutes - Sage moved to accept June minutes. Dave seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

- US Bank Checking \$18,996.60
- Umpqua Checking \$57,151.70
- Umpqua Savings \$89,526.17
- Petty Cash.....\$575.00
- TOTAL..... \$166,249.47

President's Report: Cindy Nelson

Marion County was a success. Doug loaded and fired painted wares each day. Sold 300 pieces. Gross sales \$1,244.00. The Wac will try for Marion county fair funding next year. Fall term schedule is being finalized. Offering specific Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced throwing classes. Monitors asking for advance notice of classes being offered before sent out to the public.

Doug submitted the Spirit Mountain grant.

Doug is asking the WAC to fund Family Clay Sunday this fall or until grant funding can be secured. TOT grant funded this Family Clay Sunday in the past. We already have most of the supplies and our main cost would be the staffing. Possibly raising costs. Joseph suggested setting up 3 sessions of 45 minutes each with and additional 15 minutes for clean up.

Director's Report: Doug Dacar

Staff Report

- **Nikki Svarverud** - Everything is going smoothly
- **Luke** -

Unfinished Business:

Monitors are asking for more training. Doug and Don will need to head this committee. Committee can come to board if any policies need to be tweaked. Jennifer moved to dissolve the previously approved Monitor Committee. Dave seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

New Business:

Committee Reports:

Personnel: Kevin Herzberg - Kevin reiterated the importance of Doug and Don to develop a game plan before creating an extensive monitor training program to help prevent issues being brought to the Personnel committee.

Strategic Planning: Sage Dunham -Sage presented a 5 year plan that was created by the committee. This is the big picture plan. What direction do we want to go and what is most important. The “5 Pillars” were created in the meeting. Each member received a copy to read through and the committee is asking for feedback. Questions to be answered are do we want to just maintain an affordable place or survive financially, helping the disadvantaged individuals through scholarships, solicit donations. The need for a newsletter committee and a scholarship committee. Karen moved to form a newsletter committee with Heather as chair and a Scholarship committee with Sage as chair. Sage seconds. All approved. Motion carried.

Nominating/Bylaws: Karen Hackney - None

Budget: David McConnell - Committee excited about creating an Emergency Fund. Nothing else to note.

Safety/Facility: Sage Dunham - None

Marketing/Communications: Jennifer Beugli - Jennifer getting together with Alex to learn more about social networking. Jose and Sue are trying to get WAC photos onto one hard drive. Still working on transferring photos.

Gallery: Jose Hanson - None

Empty Bowls: Pat Gruber - So far we have counted and boxed 525 bowls. Throw-a-thons on hold due to fair events. Contacting last year's sponsors. We will have access to the entire Cascade Hall if we need to. Wood turners are interested in providing demonstrations this year. Will need foyer space so as not to ruin carpeting. Possibility for food and music for Friday night event.

Artisan Village: Kevin Herzberg - Kevin is meeting with the fair this Thursday. We are at capacity for vendors. More figurines will be ordered rather than scrambling to throw luminaries. We receive free shipping from Chesapeake for orders of \$600 plus. An email will be sent to the board for approval once cost has been determined. Kevin will check with grocery stores for deals on bottled water. List of musicians will be given to the fair coordinator for advertising purposes. Website needs updating.

Auditing: None

Ad-hoc Committees:

Membership Incentives: Karen Hackney -

Meeting Adjourned: 6:32pm

Next Board Meeting: Monday August 15 @ 5:30 pm

Parking Lot: Items not finalized for current meeting

Submitted by Karen Hackney
WAC Board Secretary

Approved _____ **Date** _____
Cindy Nelson - President