

Friends of the Visual Arts
dba Willamette Art Center
Thursday October 21, 2021 at 6:45pm
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes

Attendance: Attendance: Jim Ransom, Deanna Edwards, Pat Gruber, Kuni Kitajima, Jesse Breon, Ed Daily, Margarethe Gregg, Jennifer Beugli, Pat Gruber, Jen Fuji

Staff: Executive Director Brandy McIntosh, Nikki Svarverud, Tammy Rood

Call to Order: President Jim Ransom

Jim Ransom Introduced **Brandy MacIntosh as the new Executive Director**

Secretary's Report: Deanna Edwards

Treasurer's Report: Jesse Breon

US Bank Checking: \$55,168.80

US Bank Savings: \$80,018.06

Petty Cash: \$513.89

TOTAL: \$135,700.75

This does not include money we will receive from the Fair.

President's Report: Jim Ransom

- Thanks to all for the excellent work done at Artisan Village
 - Kevin did a wonderful job
 - The Greggs were terrific ambassadors
 - Jessie and Doug were phenomenal at the Raku

Staff reports: Tammy

- **Empty Bowls**
 - We have had several throw-a-thons and we have approximately 1300 bowls
 - Fair is comping us the Cascade building, plenty of parking and we're going to have social distancing well covered
 - Kevin has some contacts with newspaper, we hope to have a good article
- **Clay Purchase**
 - From Georgie and Laguna, not priced yet
- **Passes**
 - Billing system will not allow electronic deduction per month for yearly passes
 - Suggested that classes have passes for duration of class + week after so that everyone who comes in the door has a pass
 - Class pass will be worked on in Staff meeting
 - Daily passes are \$12, Monthly passes are \$85, and Yearly pass is \$900.

New Business:

- A Xmas party was suggested to celebrate all of the volunteers for the year.
 - Committee formed to see if it is feasible keeping distancing and masking requirements
- Jesse coated the roof and it stopped leaking
 - Condition of roof brought concerns on safety as the roof is sagging between beams, 3+ inches of water
- No Holiday sale due to limited space and it has not made any money the last few years
- New Membership committee formed
 - Dea, Karen, Martin, Jim and Brandy

Unfinished Business:

- The Raku committee produced rules for Raku firing
 - Nikki and Doug are in charge of authorizing users

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- Artist Sale – sold 965. Done until last year
- Volunteer Incentive committee
 - Free tickets and day passes would surpass the IRS limit of \$500. Discount on clay, passes and classes are being explored, when completed it will be run by the lawyers
- Website Changes – in progress
- Space Committee – due to weather, plan is abandoned right now due to weather

Committee Reports:

- Empty Bowls – see staff reports above
- Strategic Planning
- Nominating/Bylaws
- Budget
- Safety/Facility
- Marketing
- Gallery

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm

Board meeting November 16, 2021 3:00pm

Approved _____ Date _____

Jim Ransom - President