

Friends of the Visual Arts
dba Willamette Art Center
November 16, 2021, at 3pm
Minutes

Attendance: Jim Ransom, Deanna Edwards, Pat Gruber, Kuni Kitajima, Jesse Breon, Ed Daily, Margarethe & Greg Gregg, Jennifer Beugli, Mary Snyder, Sage Dunham, Cindy Nelson, Brandy McIntosh, Sue Karnosh

Call to Order: President Jim Ransom

Secretary's Report: Deanna Edwards

- October 21 Minutes approved
- New board members for 2022
 - Kevin Herzberg, Cindy Nelson, Sage Dunham, Jose Hanson, Doug McConnell, Karen Hackney

Treasurer's Report: Jesse Breon

US Bank Checking:	\$56,375.29
Petty Cash:	\$ 1,051.36
US Bank Savings:	\$80,018.73
Total:	\$137,445.38

- The petty cash is higher right now because of empty bowls.

President's Report: Jim Ransom

- Thanks to the current board for the hard work they put in this last year
- Looking forward to the new board members taking over
- Proud of the way we conducted business regarding the leaky roof and calling in a structural engineer. We took a real proactive stance.
- Looking forward to Empty Bowls, thanks to all for your hard work

Director's Report: Brandy McIntosh

- Teacher Appreciation scholarship
 - to a teacher each year as a sign of appreciation
 - mid-Willamette Valley but more rural school that has less resources
 - process will begin with looking for a school
- Open studio passes discussion
 - Current passes are inconsistent and there have been complaints
 - Members take classes \$780 to have studio time rather than pay \$900 per year
 - Suggested prices
 - adult day passes - \$12, \$6 For kids, Drop in Art \$3.00
 - adult monthly-\$60
 - 15 visit pass- \$125
 - 45 visit pass -\$360
 - Annual pass \$650

- Class price increase \$195.
 - Will allow instructors to be paid prep and clean up
- Drug and alcohol policy
 - Standard policy
 - Important due to the potential for serious injury
 - Gives management a policy to address instances of occupants under the influence
- Member request to have a retirement party, 15 to do Raku, more under parking cover for food
 - Board voted and passed motion to reopen parties closed during Covid
 - Cost from Fair board to use parking area needed
 - Timeline- before classes start in January
 - Studio will close during party
 - Brandy will meet with her and set detail and costs
- Scholarship policy
 - Member granted scholarship and asking for a second
 - Currently no rules as how many a year
 - Proposed motion to reinstate past policy of only one scholarship per year approved
 - 2nd scholarship for current request allowed as it was requested before policy put in place
- Non discrimination policy
 - Recently the approved language changed
 - Now it's on the basis of actual or perceived discrimination on the basis of color, religion, etc.,

Staff reports: None

New Business:

- Request from the Gregg's for donation from WAC for a class donation for an auction at their church
 - Discussed and motion made to donate the class proposed and approved

Unfinished Business:

- none

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Artist Sale – postponed until spring

Volunteer Monitor Incentive committee

- Discussion avoiding capping \$500. taxing
- Proposal to:
 - Allow monitors 20% discounts for classes, clay and tickets
 - Off time workshops of interest to monitors and fulfill training needs
 - Accumulated open studio hours will be honored
 - Tools and memberships excluded
- Motion for proposal approved

Moving committee

- Realizing roof probably has less than 2 years wear left committee was formed to search for new space
 - Plan to contact to fair board to see if there is another space we could move to
 - Space on Pringle Rd toured
 - Much of property would fill out needs

- Owners toured the WAC and were impressed
- Not pursuing as property is 17,000 sq feet and too large
- Owners are building a new building on McGilchrist that possibly could be built to suit that will be available 9-12 mos
- That gives time to find grants for the move

Committee Reports:

Empty Bowls –

- Starts next day
 - Signage up
 - Bowls, art pieces, plates, pitchers to vases and luminaries
 - Wood bowls and spoons from Woodworkers
 - Red gate entrance only
 - Volunteer postings full

Strategic Planning

Nominating/Bylaws

Budget

- to be scheduled in two weeks

Safety/Facility

- Mold test to be conducted
- Doug is looking into the costs associated with changing our venting for kilns. Currently is inadequate

Marketing

Gallery

Meeting adjourned 6:20pm

Board meeting December 21, 2021 3pm

Approved _____ Date _____

Jim Ransom - President