

Monday, May 14, 2018

3:30 P.M.

ART EDUCATION CENTER, 18 N. 2ND STREET, FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034

**May 14, 2018**

**Board Members Present:** Gwen Cowart, Susan Henderson, Mark Bennett, Mary Quinlan, Barb Wylie, Marla McDaniel, Lis Krawiecki, Sharon Haffey, Vickie Maley

**Board Members Excused:** George Haffey

**Board Members Absent:** Walter Cartategui, Cori Beychok, Piper West

**Guests:** Renee Martin, Dante DeFlorio, Ana Diaz

**3:30 p.m. A. Call to Order by President Gwen Cowart**

**3:32 p.m. B. Discussion and Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes:** April 8, 2018  
Sharon made a motion to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Susan and the motion passed.

**3:35 p.m. C. Public Comment:** None

**3:36 p.m. D. Discussion and Acceptance of the Consent Agenda Reports:**

Lis made a motion to accept the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mark and the motion passed.

**First VP: Shrimp Fest Chair: Mark Bennett**

Preliminary indications are that the Shrimp Festival was a resounding success thanks to the work done from each of you, Exhibiting Members and Supporting Members. We are still compiling the results of our combined efforts which will be available at a later time. I want to personally thank each of you for your many endeavors in making this a success.

**Second VP: Gallery Director: Vickie Maley**

Gretchen Williams will return from her leave at the June rehang.

Barbara Martin-Davis's resignation due to health and her approved request to be granted Limited Member Emeritus begins in June 2018.

Renovations in the gallery office are complete. Thank you to all who worked on this project!

The gallery hosted the Yulee Middle School gifted talented classes of Jan Wilson on Friday, May 11 from 10:30 - noon for a scavenger hunt created by the teacher. Thank

you to Carol Kish, desk worker, who worked with the classes to complete the scavenger hunt on Friday.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Art Education Center: Sharon Haffey**

**Treasurer/Finance Committee: Susan Henderson:** See attached

**Secretary/Membership: Lis Krawiecki:**

**Arrangements: Barb Wylie & Mary Quinlan**

**Computer Support: George Haffey**

**House and Properties: Walter Cartatequi**

**Marketing and Communications: Cori Beychok & Marla McDaniel**

**Scholarship: Betty Rufus**

We had 7 entries for the scholarship of \$1500. There were 3 from Fernandina Beach High School, 3 from Yulee and 1 from Hilliard. We had a committee of four judge them and the unanimous winner was Gage Perna from Fernandina Beach High School. I notified all the teachers and students who participated thanking them and encouraging them to continue to promote their art.

I notified Susan of the student winner and the school. The student's scholarship is \$1500 and the school is to get \$500.

I suggest that Marla contact Gage for a photo and it be put in the paper for positive publicity. Gage Perna 904-819-6772.

**3:40 p.m. E. Old Business**

\*Proposal on hanging Gallery sign: Gwen presented two options for hanging the new sign. The Board consensus was to hang the sign in the same location as it had been in the past with the bracket facing the street. It was suggested that the sign be put up with fasteners such as carabiners, so that it can be removed in case of Hurricane.

**3:48 p.m. F. New Business**

\*Select Supporting Member of the Year: The Board voted on the Supporting Member of the Year. The award will be presented at the June Social.

\*Libby Chase has decided regretfully and apologetically not to complete exhibiting member requirements due to her health. The other four artists - Ana Diaz, Dante DeFlorio, Amanda Gross and Renee Martin - are on track to be able to exhibit in June 2018. The gallery will have 3 Limited Member Emeritus artists and 47 exhibiting members beginning in June.

\*Emylee McBrearty has asked to extend her sick leave for a full year. This would mean she is on leave through February of 2019, if necessary, with board approval. She will not be exhibiting during the remainder of this leave because she started the current leave in February 2018. She may return earlier than February 2019 if her health improves.

\*The Shrimp Festival received quite a bit of positive feedback from the exhibitors. A negative comment was that the Essentials Magazine did not list the times that the Arts and Crafts portion of the Festival was open.

\* The Newsleader was very helpful in printing up the Essentials Magazine. Mark and Marla will write a thank you.

\* Mark and Barb will present a check for \$1750 to the Boy Scouts for helping out again this year with the parking.

\*Gwen thanked all the Board members that she has worked with for the past 2 years.

**4:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourned**