

**Monday, February 10, 2020, 5:30PM**

**Board Members Present:** Gwen Cowart, Barb Wylie, John Abbott, Rebecca McDannold, Susan Henderson, Vickie Maley, Bee Sandberg, Sharon Haffey, Marla McDaniel, Mark Bennet, Mary Quinlan, George Haffey, John Mateer

**Guest:** Becky White, Jane Salvaggio, Rob Buckley, Carol Kish, Andrea Lee, John Mateer, Depy Adams

**Board Members Excused:** Renee Martin, Pipar West, Mary Quinlan

**A. Call to Order** by President at 5:30pm

**B. Discussion and Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes:** January 13, 2020. Motion to accept the minutes: Vickie Maley. Second: Rebecca McDannold. Motion passed.

**C. Public Comment:**

**D. Discussion and Acceptance of the Consent Agenda Reports.** Motion to accept consent agenda: John Abbott. Second: Vickie Maley. Motion passed.

**First VP: Shrimp Fest Chair:** Pipar West/Mark Bennett

**Second VP: Gallery Director:** Mary Quinlan/Barb Wylie

1. All six new exhibiting members are now hanging..
2. Re-hang February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, was successful.

**3rdVP: Art Education Center:** John Abbott/Rebecca McDannold

**Treasurer/Finance Committee:** Susan Henderson/Vickie Maley

**Secretary/Membership:** Renee Martin/Brandy Sandberg

New Members have been added to the directory database.

**Computer Support:** George Haffey, Sharon Haffey

**House and Properties:** Jane Hedgecock

**Marketing and Communications:** Marla McDaniel

Media Coverage ongoing: Art Walk, Featured Artist, Nouveau Art Show/Sale, Third Sunday coverage, ongoing.

**Scholarship: Depy Adams**

**E. Old Business**

A) (Gwen) Update on adjacent property and gallery impacts.

A) John, Rob, and Gwen met with Counsel (Clyde). Research shows construction of the roof overhang was done in 2010, so we have no prescriptive easement. Clyde suggested we hire an Assessor to create a baseline for our wall, prior to commencement of construction, to watch for potential damage caused by the adjacent new construction. Recommendation was to look at Steven Ashwell, architect. Approximate cost of Assessment is \$2K. Susan made a motion to hire an Assessor, Second George, motion passed.

B) Gwen to watch Historical committee agenda for plan approval.

C) Infrastructure changes:

- i) We have met with a plumber and are ready to install a new meter, move the water line, and cap the old sewer line. Cost for this portion is \$4-\$5k. The city is ready to move the meter and the plumber is ready to work us in to their schedule. It should only take 2-3 days to accomplish the work once its scheduled.

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- ii) Storm water drainage: This item will be put on hold until we can meet with the owner next door. John and John will be taking the lead to provide the most effective way to handle this portion.
  - iii) Waterline move is going on the City schedule. We will abandon the old line.
  - iv) George is working on moving Comcast lines, and exterior lighting.
  - v) Susan to provide estimates for removing and replacing the sidewalk
  - vi) The pecan tree has been removed.
- B) (Depy) Scholarships are on track.
- A) One check for school needs to be reissued.
  - B) \$1,500 scholarship top award to be given to one student this year. Portfolios are to be sent in April. Volunteers are needed to jury. A second scholarship can be awarded based on merit. Depy will be sending out letters shortly, looking at an April 4<sup>th</sup> deadline. Students must live in Nassau County but can attend school outside of county.
- C) The amendment to the Bylaws, removing Membership from the Secretary duties was submitted and approved. Board members, Rebecca McDannold, Barb Wylie, John Mateer, Vickie Maley, and Susan Henderson, signed the approval form for changes to the Operations Manual. Motion to approve conditional changes to the Bylaw, made by Susan Henderson, Second John Abbott, motion passed.

**F. New Business**

- A) (John) Update on children's programs.
  - (a) Planning event for all parents for post camp pizza party and display work.
  - (b) John met with Ted from 4H to discuss second Kid's camp to involve the 4H group in the arts. 4H will advertise. The anticipate 12-15 participants, (ages 12-17) to create a team project. This camp would have a longer day, 10am-2pm. Second camp will run back to back with first camp.
  - (c) Still discussing a Mural for the side of our building. The city is ok with this banner style mural that can be moved. 4H will absorb the cost.
  - (d) Discussion to make August Artist of the month a display of children's art.
  - (e) John is developing a plan to present to our Foundation Donors. Date for brainstorming meeting to be announced in the NewsBlast.
- B) (Barb) The Nassau County Jazz Band will be playing in our courtyard in May, during Second Saturday. All contact info has been sent to John Abbott. John will forward info to Susan McGrath
- C) (Barb) We are requesting a theme for the Concourse de elegance to be "anything vehicle," for the first two weeks of March to be hung in our front window. Exhibiting artists only.

**G. Open Floor:**

- 1. Suggestion was made to form a fund raising committee to solicit corporate donations. Many of the foundations that were previous donors have changed. Marla recommended looking into private donations as the competition for non-profit donations is greater. We need an annual report to present to potential donors. Marla recommended looking at Foundations Directory for contact information. Susan has records for past donations. We need someone to write a letter to send out.

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2. (Andrea) brought up the idea to target the Main Street group to partner with them to fund sculptures. Sharon recommended forming a committee, headed by Andrea. A request will go out in the NewsBlast.
3. A suggestion was made to create a new project for the courtyard. The consensus was to move forward with a plan.

**H. Motion to Adjourn: 6:15pm**

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