

Monday, April 13, 2020, 4:00PM

Video Conference

Board Members Present: Gwen Cowart, John Abbott, Susan Henderson, Vickie Maley, Bee Sandberg, Sharon Haffey, Marla McDaniel, Renee Martin, Mary Quinlan, Rebecca McDannold

Guest:

Board Members Excused: George Haffey

A. Call to Order by President at 4:00pm

B. Discussion and Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes: March 9, 2020. Motion to adopt the minutes: Vickie. Second: Mary. Motion passed.

C. Public Comment:

D. Discussion and Acceptance of the Consent Agenda Reports. Motion to accept consent agenda: Becky. Second: Bee. Motion passed.

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

The Shrimp Fest committee advised all Directors on March 9th, 2020, the festival would be cancelled for 2020. The IAA Board had voted to return all booth fees collected for the festival upon announcement of cancellation. Susan Henderson and Liz Krawiecki, have refunded all artists and the Shrimp Fest committee notified.

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

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

Treasurer/Finance Committee: Susan Henderson/Vickie Maley

Secretary/Membership: Renee Martin/Brandy Sandberg

No new Members have been added due to the Corona Virus shut down.

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) We have had a pre-construction inspection. A Condition Assessment report will be generated so we will now have a pre-construction baseline of our building on the adjacent side. The assessor anticipates the report will take 2-4 hours, at a charge of \$150/hour. Should any damage occur during the upcoming construction, the assessor will return to review damages.

B) The new construction plans have not been presented to the Technical Review Committee, due to the city shut down.

F. New Business

A) Gwen – discussion of the gallery taking advantage of the Care Act for Disaster Relief. There is a potential for up to \$10k grant money but applicants must also commit to a loan for additional funds above the \$10k, at an 2.5-3.5% interest rate. The gallery will decline application for the grant at this time but will readdress the subject as we get closer to the September expiration date: Also the grant application appears to for-profit businesses. The City and Main Street are continuing to send out additional relief opportunities, so there may be another program in the future we may want to consider.

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- B) Gwen upcoming votes
 - A) Motion to send out email voting slips for the upcoming officer election in . Motion – Susan. Second – Becky. Motion passed. Sharon and Bee to send Susan language that changes the following titles: Secretary/Membership position to just Secretary, making Membership a separate committee, also to change Computer Support to IT.
 - B) It was also agreed that Artist of the Year and Associate of the Year nominations will be sent to the board, committee heads, and exhibiting artists, for email vote as well. Vickie will send copies of last years nomination forms to Susan for exhibiting artist. The board vote for Associate Artist at our next meeting.
- C) Sharon – Art Bridge Over Troubled Waters project for connecting while we are apart. A call has gone out for 6x6 artwork pieces to be submitted for our window “quilt” display. The intent is also for the quilt to be exhibited at our re-opening event when the time comes.
- D) Mary – Gallery re-opening. Mary will meet with the gallery committee to begin discussing a plan for a limited re-opening to limit the number of workers needed. Sharon – the cleaning crew is putting in extra billable time to accomplish a complete deep clean of both the gallery and AEC.
- E) Susan requested all reimbursement requests be sent via email rather than the in-gallery box.
- F) Gwen requested all board members to use email for all vital contact.
- G) Susan will be looking into available Art Funding grants for relief beyond the Cares Act.
- H) Renee to contact all members to request that upcoming membership renewals be completed via paypal on line.
- I) John/Becky – AEC Workshops
 - A) The September Film Festival has been cancelled.
 - B) The Nassau democratic meeting for late May has not contacted to confirm. The have not submitted the fee to date.
 - C) Summer Camp programs – Pipar will reach out to first week participants to see who is still considering camp. John is still working with the 4H group for 2nd week.
 - D) 2nd Sunday workshops have several people ready to go upon re-opening.
- J) Sharon – we are moving forward with the student scholarship program. We are receiving virtual portfolios. She requested we use funds from the student programs budget to cover prizes rather than impact the gallery budget further.
- K) Susan gave a quick financial update, we are good to ride this out even without the Shrimp Fest money. We have funds to cover yearly set expenses for two years out.
- L) Marla – The Islander is still invoicing us and still plan to feature us in the May spotlight. Gwen requested Marla write a paragraph for the piece to encourage the arts – elevate its importance. Sharon to provide a photo of the quilt submissions.
- M) A special board meeting will be called at the end of the month. Gwen will send out emails with the video link in advance.
- N) Next months meeting will be held via Zoom as well.

G. Open Floor:

H. Meeting Adjourned: 4:50pm

Island Art Association

Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors

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