



Business Meeting

April 12, 2023

**Present:**      **Christine Malone**                      **President**  
                     **Julie Brassington**                      **Vice president**  
                     **Beth David**                                      **Secretary**

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**Call to order:** 7:05 pm

**Approval of agenda:** Tomi Hewer seconded; Helen Ramsey

**Approval of March Business Meeting Minutes** – Noted: Helen Ramsey report was missed and included with these minutes. Moved. Wendy Russo seconded: Carla Vermaat

**Notes to members:**

- Community Painting: AFAA will be participating in "Party in the Square" on May 13th from 1 - 6pm.  
We will be doing our 4th Community Painting that a member of the public will win. We will also be exhibiting some of our work.  
The painting is being done on a canvas donated by the husband of the late Gloria Oekerstrom, a former member.  
An email will be sent with further information closer to the date.
- The new panels were transferred from C. Koenders house to our storage facility thanks to Martin Sollanych and Bob Wallace and Christine Malone.
- Doris Patko's Memorial was attended by seven of our members, many friends and family members. Her beautiful art was displayed around the room and people were invited to take some. Two of her pieces will be part of our Scholarship Donation gifts. Photos of the 2 pieces were emailed to all members. Also, Doris' cousin donated \$200 to our Scholarship Fund in her memory.
- Our new club Business Cards are available, 10 for \$1, from Chris Lynch, who coordinated this. Thanks, Chris to you & your team, Shery Razavifar & Minu Gupta. The cards will be available at meetings while quantities last.

- All wiring is acceptable for framing but the easiest to work with is plastic-coated wire. C. Malone has 16-foot lengths of 20 lb. wire for sale at \$2. There are 6 lengths left and will be available at the next meeting.
- Art Salon: Twelve members & guests attended the Art Salon in March. Our next Salon is on April 19th. Bring your project and enjoy your afternoon with friends. An Art Salon participation equals one Workshop attendance.

### **AFAA Spring Show May 5th, 6th & 7th**

Twenty-one members registered for the Art Focus Spring Art Show.

Thanks to all who are volunteering their help.

Matted and unframed work (5 maximum); and cards (10 maximum), can be entered free of charge.

Although many members prefer the old panels, there is no guarantee which panels they will draw. Panels are numbered and members pick a number from a jar.

We ask for everyone's cooperation in generously allowing *available* space to others, *if necessary*.

Please make sure your bios are up to date . New members, please provide your bio to Zeny Nielsen so that it may be added to the Biography binder.

Emails will be sent a few days before the Show with relevant information.

### **Farmers Market and sign up - Bob Wallace**

#### **INFO FOR NEW MEMBERS:**

Art Focus hosts a tent at the Port Coquitlam Farmers Market on Thursdays. Four dates are provided free to non-profit organizations. The club's only cost was a \$25 registration fee.

- Members may display a few pieces of artwork and you can paint, sketch, or chat throughout your shift. Whatever you feel like doing.
- We share the tables and chairs provided. Tabletop easels are welcome. Full size easels, display panels, and card holders are also welcome depending on space and weather. Ideally, they should be placed outside the tent's perimeter. We do not want our tent crammed with stuff and looking like a thrift store. Let's make it look welcoming to the public.

#### **THIS SEASON:**

- We are scheduled on four consecutive Thursdays and we're starting earlier in the season. June 22, 29 and July 6 and 13<sup>th</sup>. Shifts are 3 to 5 or 5 to 7
- Due to the number of interested members, hosting will be split into an early and late shift. Early shift volunteers should arrive and set up prior to the market opening. Late shift volunteers must stay until the end of the market. We are not allowed to shut down our tent early.
- I brought a sign-up sheet along. Please add your name if you are interested in attending. This is a draft sheet; your dates & times can be changed prior to our startup.

- I am hoping that Zeny will be attending this season's market. She does a great job raising money for our scholarship fund with her portraits.
- Last season, we had a communication problem with the City of Port Coquitlam about our tent setup. I have already spoken to Barry about my concerns. He has provided me with his cell phone number and email address and guarantees it will run smoothly this season. I will be communicating with him prior to our dates.

**Gift cards, options and vote:** Julie Brassington handed out forms for all members in attendance to use to vote on their choice. The forms were collected, and the winning choices announced.

#1. Exchange the card for several smaller denominations and draw one at each business meeting. This would give all members a chance to win and purchase art supplies. Once your name is drawn you are not eligible for another draw. Cost – 10 business meetings at \$50 gift card = \$500

#2. Create a contest or event around the Fall Art Show. I.e. club purchases 8x8 canvases for any member that wishes to participate and paint their 30 year anniversary interpretation. No Signature on the front of the canvas, only on the back. They would be displayed on one wall in the show where guests can purchase them at a nominal cost with the money going back to the club. Theme could be pearl and/ or lily, and/or emerald green. Approximate cost of canvas \$300

### **Break and vote counting**

#### **Committee Reports:**

Financial Report: Martin Sollanych

Social Media FB: Teesa Christie

Website: Mylene Dayrit-Kubicek

Instagram : Amy Siddaway

Members page : Helen Ramsey A page available to members only to share art, ideas provide help etc. to participate members should e mail Helen to be included.

Publicity and Demos : Tomi Hewer - Perry Haddock is the next artist.

Outside Hanging – Kathy Blore – Vincent Hui in July/August contact Kathy if you are interested in participating.

Sunshine Committee: Christine Koenders

**New Business:** No items raised

Adjourned : 8:15 moved: Kathy Blore seconded: Beth David