

Minutes - Business Meeting - The Outlet

Members Present: 22. New Members: Kathy Blore, Julie Brassington, Christine Lynch, Sahar McCullough, Jill.

1. Call to Order 7:00 p.m.
2. Adoption of the Agenda. Moved to adopt Teresa Acosta, seconded by Shermineh Razavifar, all in favour.
3. Approval of the previous business meeting minutes by Teesa Christie , Seconded by Debbie Halyk.
4. President's Report: Bob Wallace
 - Cheques mailed and received for scholarships. Letter read.
 - Thanks to Mylene for the website - she is busier and would like an assistant.
 - Teesa and Helen do FB and AFAA FB page
 - Amy does IG
 - Helen organized weekly Summertime plein air outings and collages
 - A pop-up art show was led by Rae Yano
 - Aprons \$10; badges \$5
5. Treasurer's Report - Bob Wallace for Martin Sollanych

Bob noted that dues are \$50 and he can take cheques tonight, or people can e-transfer to Martin. Martin will complete receipts after he's home from vacation.

Current Club Activity May-June

RBC Account	In	Out	Balance
General Account	\$100	\$112.10	\$537.18
Gaming	-	-	\$3,908.99
Scholarship	-	-	\$63.33
City CCD	-	\$2,195.20	\$484.41
Total			\$4,993.91

HIGHLIGHTS

Cash into General Account:

\$100 eTransfer Membership fees

Cash out of General Account:

\$112.10 for Welcome Back Pizza Night

Note: \$750 came out on Jun 28th, all three scholarship cheques were cashed.

Pending Cash into General Account:

\$420 in membership fees from Pizza night

Gaming Account:

Note: Storage Fees have increased to \$248.35 per month

This November we will be paying **\$2,737.35** for 11 months (1 month free) for another year of storage (this will cover us until Nov. 2023). We will likely have to use the remaining funds for demos until we get a city grant.

Cash out of CCD Account:

New Video Camera and Video Projector \$2,192.20

Upcoming expenses in September/October:

Insurance \$675

Two Demos \$300

6. Committee Reports

A. Community Events/Publicity/Demos - Christine Malone

- The September Demo will be presented online by urban painter Leanne Christie starting on September 22nd and be on our website for one month:
artfocusartistsassociation.com
- The October 27th and subsequent Demos will be held at the Outlet at the usual 7-9 pm time slot.
- Publicity for the Demos will appear on Facebook, Instagram, our AFAA website, City of Port Coquitlam website, The Artist's Journal, Port Coquitlam Community Page, PoCo Arts Council page, PMAA and Suite E members, and will be posted on our email list.

B. Social Co-Ordinator - Val Bordian (absent)

C. Outside Hanging Committee - Bob Wallace

- Andrew Carroll's paintings are in the MLA office, Dianna Veenhof's paintings will go in afterward, there's an opening after Dianna.
- Andrew manages the Dialysis Centre but we are not showing there at this time due to covid.
- Due to changes within the City, Art Focus is no longer exclusive to City Hall.

D. Sunshine Committee - Christine Koenders (absent)

E. Facebook Co-Ordinator - Teesa Christie

- Helen Ramsay filled in over the summer
- If you have anything to post, send it to Teesa, e.g. photo, title, etc.
- Previously posted the V&V show images and will do it again
- FB AFAA members page, contact Helen or Teesa to be invited

F. Instagram - Amy Siddaway

- Makes us visible - please let Amy know if you have something to share; gain exposure, free.

7. Old Business

- Beyond Visions & Vistas Exhibition - Dianna Veenhof
- Submit registration forms to Bob any time but no later than October 6th.
- For complete details, refer to Dianna's notes sent to members by email; also included for easy reference along with these Minutes.

8. New Business

- Calendar - Zeny Nielsen
 - Zeny presented the art calendar as a promotional idea when the Executive asked for input on ideas to spend extra money as there is leftover from the grant. Zeny asked members to sign up and 12 artist names will be drawn to be featured in the 2022 calendar. One artist, one painting per month. A sign-up list was circulated. Further details to be announced in due course.
- Correspondence Cards - Helen Ramsay
 - Helen presented an idea for the renewed AFAA correspondence cards. By way of background, we used to send out Dollar Store cards for thank you, thinking of you, get well, etc.. Helen created new cards specific to Art Focus that includes contact and promotional information on the back which have been used for a couple of years. Now that our website address has changed, we need new ones and that creates an opportunity to reimagine them. Helen suggested that they feature an artist painting on the front, the painting information on the back along with the same or similar information. Some ideas were suggested, samples of both cards were left for members to review and consider then bring this item to the next business meeting to finalize.
- Other Items:
 - Christine Malone explained the Heritage Mural that Art Focus is painting. Work is on Tuesdays while the Outlet is open for art drop-in.
 - Overhead mirror - we'd like suggestions about disposing of it; suggestion to put it on Marketplace. Bring Forward to the next agenda.
 - Bob will follow up about hanging artwork in the Community Centre.

Adjournment. Next meeting October 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at The Outlet; if changed to Zoom due to covid then members will be notified.