

Minutes - Business Meeting - The Outlet

Members Present: 16 New Members: 1

1. **Call to Order** 7:07 p.m.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda.** Moved by Kathy Blore, seconded by Julie Brassington; All in favour.
3. **Approval of the January 2022 business meeting:** Moved by Teresa Acosta, seconded by Chris Lynch; All in favour.
4. **Notes from the Interim President:** Christine Malone
 - Welcome to our new member, Afsaneh Saedmanesh
 - a. **Calendars** - We have 35 calendars left and interest in them is waning. After the MWAG show is finished, some of the calendars will be left at The Outlet for anyone to take home and the others be distributed to the contributing artists.
 - b. **Farmers' Market** - Bob Wallace is overseeing this popular activity. Many of our participants have made sales in pre-Covid years. The market this year will be held at the **PCCC (Port Coquitlam Community Centre) on the plaza at the end of Kelly Avenue**. A new rule is that community groups are only given 4 dates this year and if we want more dates, then we will have to pay. **Our dates are July 14, 28, August 11, 25, 3:00-7:00 pm**. To reserve your spot and be on the schedule, please contact Bob at rjwallace@hotmail.ca or **604-816-9706**.
 - c. **Volunteer Award** - Zeny Nielson, on our behalf has submitted Helen Ramsay's nomination for Volunteer of the Year award in the Port Coquitlam Arts & Culture category. We wish Helen the best of luck!
 - d. **Riverview Towers** - Sherry Carroll seeks the club's approval to request that our Towers be housed in one of the new buildings at Riverview and that a display area for our paintings be provided. Sherry sits on the BC Housing Board. Members agreed and approved of this proposal. They were created in remembrance of the Riverview lands. *Note:* A photo of the Towers was sent by email to members.
 - e. **Community Paintings** - Our deconstructed community painting will be prepped to 50% at our May workshop and therefore be ready for the May 7th "Party in the Square". Due to the postponement in construction, this event will be held on the Outlet stage from 12:00-4:00 pm. Julie

Brassington and Kathy Blore will lead this activity with the adults (13+ years) while Sneha Sansare and Christine Malone will be looking after the children's chalkboard art. Information regarding the Theatrix painting will be discussed at the May business meeting.

- f. **Member information** - For more information on our club and how to prepare for art shows, please go to our website artfocusartistsassociation.com and log in with creativeartist

5. **Update on the MWAG Art Show & Reception** - Dianna Veenhof

- There have been several visitors and one sale of a miniature painted by Dianna.
- **Closing reception is Thursday, April 21st, 7:00-8:00 pm.** The City will provide snacks and beverages. This event is open to the public and follows the Cultural Roundtable meeting held on that evening.

6. **Nomination for Executives Chair** - Helen Ramsay

- ***This is an important*** - Helen reminded everyone to please consider volunteering for this one-time role of coordinating nominations to present at the June AGM.
- ***What is required of this role:***
 - The Chair will request members to submit nominations for the 2022/2023 Art Focus Executive Council (*you may nominate yourself*).
 - He/she will then contact that person to ask if they will stand for nomination.
 - If the member is in agreement, their name will be put forward at the AGM.
- Regarding the positions and process:
 - There are **5 positions** to be filled: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Show Coordinator. **Note:** Currently one position is not filled.
 - In June, we hold the usual monthly business meeting which is then followed by the yearly AGM (*Annual General Meeting*).
 - As at the end of the June business meeting, the **current executive council is dissolved and a new council must be voted in** at the AGM.
- Helen encouraged members to consider being on the executive themselves and/or nominate someone as part of a continued effort to support the health of Art Focus. Many items are discussed and decided "behind the scenes" and these are important and responsible roles.

- 7. **Budget and Spending Limits & Vote** - Martin Sollanych
 - Previously a budget was created and we tried to stick to it as best as possible throughout the year. In the event of a contingency, the members would vote on the expense. Annual budget presented at AGM - Moved by Julie Brassington , Seconded by Kathy Blore; All in favour.
 - Suggests a formal vote to approve the Treasurer’s report at each business meeting. Moved by Amy Siddaway, seconded by Chris Koenders; All in favour.
 - Limit to spending outside of the annual budget, \$100. Moved by Amy Siddaway, seconded by Christine Koenders; All in favour.

8. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Treasurer's Report & Update on Scholarship Fund** - Martin Sollanych

Current Club Activity for past month

RBC Account	In	Out	Balance
General Account	\$38	-	\$477.83
Gaming	\$0.75	\$3,037.35	\$876.25
Scholarship	\$147.62	-	\$729.19
City CCD	-	-	\$33.05
Total			\$2,116.32

Cash into General Account: \$38 for new club member Afsaneh Saedmanesh

Cash out of Gaming Account:

- \$2,737.35 for storage for one year (Nov 2022-Nov 2023)
- \$300 from two cheques for demos

Cash into Scholarship Account:

- \$47.62 from 50/50 draws
- \$100 from Donations at Show (Calendars)

At this time it looks like we will manage to have \$750 in the scholarship account in time for handing out the scholarships to the three high schools, so each student should

receive a \$250 cheque. Approved by Christine Koenders, seconded by Kathy Blore; All in favour.

b. **Social Media Communication:**

i. **Facebook** - Teesa Christie (backup Helen Ramsay)

- We will post one more boost to promote the closing reception and last weekend of the show. There were some issues trying to boost the last time so the next one will be reworded to better fit Facebook algorithms.

ii. **Website** - Mylene Dayrit-Kubicek & Tomi Hewer

- Christine Malone mentioned that on our website, there is a log in for members - password is creativeartist

iii. **Instagram** - Amy Siddaway.

- Amy generally mentions AFAA toward the end of the week to promote the Saturday shows. She tries to engage with local artists and encourage traffic to the site. A little trickle of new people are following the page. Christine Malone mentioned that at one of the demos, someone knew about the show after seeing it on social media.

c. **Sunshine Committee** - Christine Koenders

- Teesa Christie is still under the weather. Marilyn Theobald fell two more times after her first fall and she is moving into an assisted living type home. Val Bordian is recovering from eye issues.

d. **Outside Hanging Committee** - Christine Malone

- **MLA Office** - Julie Brassington and Kathy Blore have art here from March until around mid-May. If you would like to hang your art there, please arrange with Julie or Kathy to be there at the time when their paintings are removed.

e. **April Demo & Publicity** - Christine Malone.

- Due to an unexpected situation, Suzanne Amendageline is unable to give us a demo. Jack Prasad will be replacing her as our April 27th demo artist.
- Publicity for the demo is on the Port Coquitlam website as well as on our artfocusartistsassociation.com website. Notices will be put on on the Port Coquitlam community page and on the Poco Arts Council page. It will also be posted on our social media sites.

9. **New Business**

- None.

10. **Adjournment** 7:55