

## Minutes - Business Meeting - Via Zoom

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Members Present: 11    New Members: 1 (Julie Brassington) Welcome!

Guests: 6

1. *Susan Robinson* - Advised that she had researched about the City Arts budget and noticed we were losing art space. She put a document together and met with City staff for more information. Previously, no one had asked that the art budget to be removed from the recreation budget. The City has acquired the Elks Hall. Articipate group (to further the arts in Poco) was created and Susan invited Bob & Christine to join. Poco Arts Council and Articipate group presented to City on the same day. Of the recreation budget, 9% goes to arts and culture and 9% of that goes to festivals. With the McAllister Donald Centre coming up, developing a survey and will later generate a report. Also an Elks Hall committee. Susan asks that we each complete, and pass along the survey. If you'd like to help or know someone who'd like to help, please let Bob, Christine or Susan know.
2. *Thelka Wright* - Poco has always had a central core with the downtown and Leigh Square Arts Village which is unique. Articipate is particularly interested in the Elks Hall and how it's included in the Arts Village. Currently there is no fixed plan for the hall. Bob had provided Thelka the 2003 City plan for the Elks Hall which she appreciated.
3. *Brad Nickason*- Brad said his role is as a cheerleader. He participates in Articipate, also on Poco Arts Council which was formerly (FOLS) Friends of Leigh Square which is an umbrella organization that looks out for all art groups. The City said they have to come as a unified voice for each other, not self-interests, but for the whole of Port Coquitlam. They are looking for board members and to be involved in Articipate and Poco Arts Council. The current focus is McAllister Development and Elks Hall.
4. *Patrick McCarthy* - Poco Arts Council (formerly FOLS) created the arts village and strives to be the citizens voice in the city. It had a good history but needed a name change which happened in 2018. It updated/changed the mission and vision. Part of its strategy has been to support art drop-in programs. It still has

the city mandate to celebrate, nurture and support the arts in POCO, being a single and central voice for arts to POCO city. Currently under the recreation budget; only 1.25% of that budget is spent on arts. Art assets need to be listed, including art installations. They would like to include Art Focus as a participating member.

- 5. *Karla Thompson* - Working on the technical links, e.g. website, IG, FB; Amy Siddaway commented she tried to access the group through the city website and the link was down. Carla is working on the survey and looking forward to having it completed so people can fill it out.
  - 6. *Rob Clayton* - Agrees with what has been already said and thanks Art Focus for having them at the meeting.
1. **Call to Order** 7:57 p.m..
  2. **Adoption** of the Agenda, Yes.
  3. **Approval** of the previous business meeting minutes Andrew Carroll , Seconded Christine Malone
  4. **President's Report:** Bob Wallace
    - 1. Guests from POCO Arts Council, and Articipate.
    - 2. Thank you to the VAS team with special thanks to Debbie Halyk who was involved at the start with the grant application.
  5. **Treasurer's Report** - Martin Sollanych

**Current RBC Activity Sept/Oct and Bank Balances**

<b>Account</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>Balance</b>
General Account	\$900	\$750	\$1416.35
Gaming	-	\$440	\$399.28
Scholarship	\$250	-	\$613.92
City CCD	-	\$1050	\$3450.71
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$6893.65</b>

**Cash out of General Account:**

Musician payment	\$300
Club Expenses	\$200
Scholarship Transfer back	\$250
Pending Virtual Show	\$900

**Cash out of Gaming Account:**

Zoom Fees for one Year	\$170
Additional Lights and Ext Cords	\$270

**Cash out of CCD Account**

Transfer to General for Virtual Show	\$900
Michael King Demo	\$150

***We still need to raise a little more scholarship money unless we transfer from our general funds.***

**6. Committee Reports**

**A. Community Events/Publicity/Demos - Christine Malone**

- a. Michael King's demo is still online; please send your feedback to Michael.
- b. Next month is Enda Bardell, watercolorist
- c. Information sent to numerous people and places such as What's On POCO which posted to FB; Tri-City News, Rozay at CPT etc.

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

**C. Outside Hanging Committee - Postponed.** In the future, the City will coordinate city hall hangings.

**D. Sunshine Committee - Christine Koenders (absent)**

**E. Facebook Co-Ordinator - Teesa Christie**

- a. Schedules everything in advance. Doing a lot of posts for the show and asked if we should boost it. Discussion ensued and the thoughts were that we should boost the post as there are funds to do so.

**F. Instagram Co-Ordinator - Amy Siddaway**

- a. Amy did a boost about the show but it didn't seem to make a difference for the IG demographic. It reached about 5 times the amount of people who follow us. 35-44 year old range then goes up in age, mostly women. 1,347 people reached (10 times the usual) on the VAS. Would like to have more artwork from more artists so please send your photos and info to Amy. To share, it can be passed along by tapping/clicking the paper airplane.

**7. Old Business**

- **Virtual Art Show: Final Update** - Debbie Halyk
  - Launched Feb 1st on our website, posted by Mylene
  - Hoping to hear from people such as Carrie Nimmo (City of Poco) because of the photography promoting Poco. Julie Brassington suggested we present it to Council.
  - Thanks to everyone, the artwork looks good.

**8. New Business**

- **Website Assistant** - Mylene Dayrit-Kubicek
  - **Members - Mylene would like an assistant to the website.** Someone who could answer the emails; Bob offered to field these if Mylene would forward them to him and he will pass it along to the correct person. Could also help with the art gallery page; Amy may be able to help in the future.
- **Wall of Fame** - Martin Sollanych
  - **Members to consider this option.** A suggestion for the website to add a page about a page listing past presidents with photos, and founders, similar to the Knights of Columbus organization he belongs to. (We have an archives page about the beginnings and founders.) Further, Mylene wondered about a featured artist page.
- **AFAA Wall Calendar for Workshop Project** - Bob Wallace
  - **Members to consider this option.** Zeny Nielsen suggested doing an Art Focus wall calendar. Display them at demos and art shows. Could be given to our donors. Might be a nice workshop project. Has quotes from MinuteMan Press. Teesa mentioned we may not have a Fall show. Amy said it would work well in the post-covid world; perhaps the City will let us have a page on their calendar.

- **AFAA Art Exhibition** - Bob Wallace
  - City Hall will be open only to Poco artists. The Michael Wright Gallery will continue to host shows for all artists. We have not had a show there since 2018. We could ask for 2022, application closes February 22nd. Amy said we can also do more than one application, e.g. the Outlet which has glass cases.
  
- **Mural at Patina Brewing Company** - Bob Wallace
  - **Members to consider this option.** Greg Moore wants a mural painted on the outside wall of his pub and asked if AFAA might be interested in doing it. A discussion ensued about AFAA having to get a grant vs. a private business owner requesting the art club getting a grant/do the work for free. Bob will get more information and report back to the club.
  
- **Dianna Veenhof** - thank you to everyone for the cards and flowers. It was touching and helped the family get through this tough time.

***Adjournment at: 9:07 p.m..***

***Next Meeting: March 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. on ZOOM***