

## Minutes - Business Meeting - The Outlet

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Members Present: 12. New Members: 1

1. **Call to Order** 7:00 p.m.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda.** Moved to adopt Debbie Halyk, seconded by Beth David; All in favour.
3. **Approval of the November 2021 business meeting:** Approved by All.
4. **Notes from the Interim President:** Christine Malone
  - Welcome Tomi (Thomasina) Hewer to Art Focus. Tomi started her art journey with acrylic and has also been painting with watercolours for about 12 years. Tomi expressed an interest in being involved with the AFAA website; Helen will contact Mylene to make the introductions accordingly.
  - Beth David is our new Membership Chair. Thank you, Beth.
  - Kudos to all the members who actively participate and work to keep our club going. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.
  - Thank you for those who decorated the Christmas tree and those who took it down. The number of votes for the tree is what counts for a winner. This is the first year they charged (\$150) and we did not pay however Mike Farnworth sponsored us and we gave him a thank you card. Next year we will revisit if we do the tree again.
5. **Business Matter Previously Discussed** (at November 2021 meeting; reviewed at the Executive meeting of December 13, 2021, and to be voted upon.)
  - Associate Memberships were discussed and agreed that we can offer this opportunity for \$25/year with restrictions. This allows them to enjoy being a member of the club, help with tasks, projects, roles, etc. and attend meetings if they wish, but not put anything for sale in the shows. Moved by Chris Lynch, Seconded by Beth David; All in favour.
  - Points System: Helen Ramsay will lead a committee including Chris Lynch and Tomi Hewer to investigate a point system and any benefits it may offer members. To be assessed and reported back.

- Mirror - Dianna contacted several people - art clubs, schools, studios that teach - on a first come/first serve basis. She will follow up with them re. interest and if there is none, she will post it on Facebook Marketplace.

**6. Attendance**

- It's been a difficult couple of years due to Covid-19. In order to hang paintings in the art shows, members must attend 4 business meetings and 4 other meetings that could be a combination of demos and workshops; other activities tbd.

**7. Committee Reports**

A. **Financial Report** - Martin Sollanych

**Art Focus Treasurers Report for December, 2021**

**Current Club Activity for past month**

| RBC Account     | In    | Out    | Balance          |
|-----------------|-------|--------|------------------|
| General Account | \$400 | 166.76 | \$644.37         |
| Gaming          | -     | -      | \$3910.93        |
| Scholarship     | \$55  | -      | \$178.38         |
| City CCD        | -     | -      | \$33.03          |
| <b>Total</b>    |       |        | <b>\$4766.71</b> |

**Cash into General Account:**

\$350 edeposits from members from calendar sales.

\$50 echeque for rejoin membership, Arlene Connolly.

**Cash out of General Account:**

\$5.85 for service charges.

\$150 cheque for demo.

\$10.91 etransfer for office supplies.

**Gaming Account:** No change.

**Scholarship Account:** \$55 cash in from logo crest sales (cheque deposited by treasurer in lieu of cash).

**CCD Account:** No change.

**Changes for January and Pending cash in/out:**

Etransfer to Helen for Christmas party refreshments: \$30.

An \$80 cheque from Diana for calendars needs deposits.

I am trying to get a refund of \$50 spent on the liquor license, otherwise I will need to charge the club for this.

- B. **Social Media Communication** - If you wish to have something posted to our social media sites, please contact these members: Mylene Dayrit-Kubicek for AFAA website, Teesa Christie for Facebook (backup Helen Ramsay), Amy Siddaway for Instagram. Helen Ramsay and Teesa Christie are *administrators* for AFAA Facebook Members Group Page however every member of that group may post on their own.
- C. **Outside Hanging Committee** - Mike Farnworth's office is the only venue left to display artwork so we are seeking additional hanging opportunities. Call out to members to notice and approach businesses that would display our art. Martin noted that we used to hang at Western Sky Books however that is now done on an individual basis. Dianna Veenhof noted that some businesses may charge a commission so be sure to ask.
- D. **Sunshine Committee** - Christine Koenders is the committee chair. Christine Malone advised that we received a Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays card from the City of Port Coquitlam mayor and council. We received a thank you card from Doris Patko who expressed sincere appreciation for the 90+ year old members. Wendy Russo advised that her Mom, Marilyn Thibault will 90 in October and will also qualify for lifetime membership. Ilona Gregor just had gallbladder surgery and will be sent a card.
- E. **January Demo** - The January 26th demo will feature well-known expressionist/abstract painter, Jane Appleby. It will be held in-house at The Outlet. Publicity for all 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 Coquitlam Artist members, and will be posted on our email list.

**8. Update on the MWAG Art Show** - Dianna Veenhof

- The show was set up today. Thank you to everyone who helped.
- Everything is hung and looks good.
- Zeny Nielsen would like members to update their CV for the binder (at the executive table for your review).
- The Checklist seemed to be disregarded as many paintings needed to be fixed. Going forward, prior to each show, a workshop on proper hanging will be done.
- The Showcase is not full. We could take an addition 8 original miniatures, or up to 5x7.
- There is a Sign-Up Sheet for Saturday help while the show is ongoing. This is bi-weekly totalling from 12:00 noon to 4:00 and can be done in 2-hour shifts of 12:00-2:00 or 2:00-4:00. At each 2-hour shift we need 2 people present. We ask that one be a greeter and one do a demo, if possible. Dianna will send out the list for members to sign up. Every member who is in the show must sign up for a minimum of one shift; then as needed to fill all time slots, tba.
- Gala Night: January 27th evening from 6:00-8:00. Due to Covid-19 rules, no food and beverages are permitted. There is a “walk-through” to meet the artists in attendance. 40 people maximum at one time. City personnel will attend with the scanner and Covid ID check. Dianna will check with Leslie (at the City) if we can sell art cards at the opening. Also if we can have a donation box for the Scholarship Fund from calendar donations and Zeny’s sketches on site.

## **9. New Business**

- Christmas decorations (for the Heritage tree) that were painted at the November workshop could be sold at the Fall Art Show.

Adjournment at 8:22 p.m. Moved by Debbie Halyk, seconded by Wendy Russo.