

VIVA Board Minutes

4-13-21

Present: Lindsey Hart, Chris Beck, Sy Novak, Marc Pease, Brian Fisher, Michelle Lassaline

Annette Messitt, Marla Smith, Janice Randall, Lin Holley

Finances

Chris reports that finances are stable. Both \$1000 scholarships have been paid to VHS scholarship committee. Bills are paid.

High School Scholarships

Marc, Lin, Chris and Marla met to review notebooks and choose our recipients. There were over 10 worthy candidates and the VIVA team negotiated with each other to choose 2 students for a \$1000 award each. The awards ceremony will be online this year again, we think, and usually at the end of May. Two board members will attend, like last year.

*Michelle brought-up that she had attended a 4 Culture workshop on how to judge art. How panelists award awards is an interesting topic for grants, shows, etc. The idea was that each artist had a choice in how they wanted to be judged, choosing from several criteria presented to them. Food for thought.

June Membership Show

The due date for submission is May 6 and Lin has received only 11 applications. It is classic for we artists to wait until the end. There will be another call for artists for our June show in the April newsletter. The 'hanging' group is organized by Brian. The 'intake' group on May 31st is headed by Lin and Marla.

VIVA at the VCA Gallery Shop

Margaret Smith will curate and shepherd this project. Marla will be the board liason. Margaret has met with Lynann. Marla and Margaret have met and Margaret has contacted 10 members about participation in the May launch of the Gallery Shop. Margaret has used our website member list/info and our Art by Appt. brochure to acquaint, re-acquaint herself with members' work.

Because of VCA's scheduling of shows and activities, we will be able to have the Gallery Shop for May, July and part of August, October of 2021.

There will be an article in the April newsletter to announce this project beginning in May and an invitation for participation for the July gallery shop space in the May newsletter.

VCCC Chair Project

Anne, from VCCC contacted Chris about a chair decorating project for new outside spaces that are being constructed. The chairs will be metal and the ask/donation from VIVA artists is the artistic painting of these chairs. It is still in the first stages of planning. Specific paint will need to be used and colors will need to be shared. We can ask our members through our newsletter. Chris will continue the conversation with Anne and keep us posted.

Homage

The profiles in the April newsletter will include Larry Muir and Penny Grist, longtime and prolific artistic duo. Larry just passed away. They will be in the Beachcomber as well.

Give Big Day

May 5th is Give Big Day and this year Brian will return to VOV to ask our Islanders to support VIVA. Last year, because of the pandemic, we didn't ask for donations.

Art by Appointment

It is time to highlight Art by Appt again. Brian will resend the list by email for distributing brochures on island. Sy has a box of brochures yet. We need to advertise Art by Appt through our social media again. Getting content for social media is always a quest it seems.

Makerspace

There was a big response to the questionnaire for Makerspace on the Island, reports Michelle. There was a link to it in our last newsletter, thanks to her. Committees are forming, the response was positive and 30 email addresses were let loose by would be helpers.