

VIVA Meeting Minutes 7-11-24

Present: Lynn, Chuck, Gale, Barbara, Michael, Tara, Marla, Chris, Lindsay, Pamela, Annette and Sy via Zoom.

Treasurer report from Barbara:

Donations received from studio tour artists-for scholarships-were \$775. This was the first time that we explicitly asked for tour artists to contribute post-tour. Thank you Pamela for this idea and follow through to make it happen.

Spring Tour intake was \$10,550 and expenses were \$10,642,

Barbara suggested that when we have a robust scholarship fund within a year, that we keep a portion of it to carry over for a lean year. The board concurred.

VIVA Coordinator report from Sy:

There are 216 active members and 444 'interested' members who are on the 'big list'. 85 members have left the group for various reasons.

The thank you letters from scholarship recipients will appear in the July newsletter as scanned images. Lindsay will photoshop them for publication.

Save the date for the annual Members' Meeting will go in this newsletter, as this September, with the day's date if we have it by then. Chuck will inquire about dates at O-Space.

Tour Coordinator report from Lindsay:

The Holiday Tour this year will fall on Dec.7/8 and Dec. 14/15, since Dec 1st falls on a Sunday. Applications will go out in early September and will be due back in Early October. Lindsay is working on the exact dates and her schedule and will work with the tour chairpersons to edit the applications. There will be an announcement in the newsletter this month, and next month, as well as an email blast later.

By-Laws: The revised By-Laws were passed unanimously; Annette made the motion, Tara seconded it. There had been discussion at previous board meetings but not a quorum at the June meeting.

The governing rules, (revised), were passed unanimously; Annette made the motion, Barbara seconded it.

Chuck Bonsteel was nominated for Vice-President by Michael, seconded by Barbara, and unanimously elected.

Marla Smith resigned as president.

Lynn McClain resigned as secretary.

Marla Smith was nominated for secretary by Lynn, seconded by Michael and unanimously elected.

Gale Lurie volunteered to be President, (under the revised By-Laws) and rules, Marla seconded it, and she was unanimously elected.

Lindsay will revise the By-Laws on the VIVA website and edit the board officers and committee chairpersons on the website as well.

Committees and chairpeople:

VCA Liason: Chuck Bonsteel as chair

Newsletter: Annette Messitt as chair

Tours: Tara Brenno and Zuzana Korbearova as chairs

Sponsorship/Scholarship: Pamela as chair

Member Show: Marla, Pamela, Barbara as chairs

Members Meeting: It will be in September of this year and Chuck will ask for a date in the first 2 weeks of September. A notice of it will be in the July, August newsletters, on the website, Instagram, FB, in the Beachcomber's "Whats' Happening", and an all-member email invitation and e-blasts.

Discussion was tabled for the next meeting about a membership-drive at the May Members Show, (kiosk?), and other venues.

Lynn talked about a classy 3-Fold brochure from the Whidbey Island Art Consortium, which included studios by appointment, restaurants. It is like a hybrid of studio tour and art by appointment. To be remembered and talked about later.

Michael Darr resigned from the board. Marc Pease resigned from the board. Thank you both for your loyal presence and contributions to VIVA serving the arts community on the island. Lynn McClain will serve until December 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Marla Smith