

VIVA Board Meeting Minutes 7-17-2025

Present: Tara, Chris, Gale, Zuzana, Barbara, Lisa, Marla, and Lindsay on zoom

Board member Ben Meeker resigned from the board but is available to help with projects. Last month, board member, Chuck Bonsteel resigned at the end of his 2 year term.

New board member Lisa Witherspoon was voted-in as board member.

Welcome Lisa!

TREASURER REPORT-BARBARA

The monthly financial report was sent to the board earlier by email. All is up-to-date. Our scholarship CD is maturing on 12/29 and will be reinvested again for maximum interest earning. Our current scholarship fund for 2026 is approaching \$4000.

ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING-MARLA

Thanks to Lindsay for securing the High School lunchroom for the meeting. It will be September 7th, Sunday from 1:30-4:30. Board members will arrive at 1pm. There will be a pot-luck social after the hour long meeting. At that time, prospective tour participants can meet up to organize host/guest artist arrangements. Annette wrote a great article about the meeting in the June newsletter. There was a save-the-date reminder in the July newsletter. We will use Annette's article for the August newsletter and send a mail-chimp news blast at the end of August.

Marla and Annette, (Marla enlisted Annette without her consent-hopefully she will consent), will MC the meeting and Lindsay will have a video projector for visual docs, (like the previous meeting with the big flip pad), and will help with visual screen additions. Also, Lindsay had a really successful meeting prior to the spring tour in helping artists connect with studio groups, so we are basing this pot-luck meet-up time on that. We will present the spring tour summary briefly to the group and will have a sign-up sheet for those who would like it emailed to them. We will use Lindsay's PA system. Shall we have a raffle???

We will meet as a small group, (please, a couple of you volunteer), prior to the big meeting to plan and organize it.

Annual Member Show at VCA

2025's show was in May, (second time), and amount of art sold needs to be determined.

2026's member show will be in September, as there is the whale skeleton installation next May at VCA and 60th anniversary celebration for VAA's, (now VCA) organization on Vashon.

2 questions: head shots for next year? Amount sold this year?

It would be good to get a tally of sold-totals for the years at VCA. Lynann presented them to us at a meeting last year but it wasn't recorded.

Scholarship Awards

Marla was unable to contact the 3 recipients for their names/email addresses. Marla and Cathe met them at the awards ceremony late May and they were very happy about their awards. So, we are unable to give them a yearly newsletter subscription/VIVA membership. All 3 will be going to art school next year.

Committee Positions

High School Liaison and Scholarships-----Tara Brenno

Tours Committee-----Zuzana Korbelaarova,

Sponsorship, and President-----Gale Lurie, (Pamela will finish this year as the committee chair. She is working on a spreadsheet of donors, and has done a lot of work organizing this program. Marla will contact the Beachcomber to get the list of scholarships published this year).

VCA Liaison and Vice President---Gale Hapeman

Newsletter---Annette Messitt

Treasurer---Barbara Newton

Secretary—Marla Smith

Profiles----Chris Beck

ACTION ITEMS

Committee Chairpersons –please send Barbara your job description, as you know it.

Form a committee to work on the annual meeting. Lindsay will be a huge support.

Decide on a possible raffle for the meeting.

We now have 10 board members and need 3 more.

Respectfully submitted, Marla Smith, Secretary