



FAIRFIELD-SUISUN CITY VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2017

I. FSVAA Regular Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Dennis Sheil, President, in the FSVAA Gallery, Solano Town Center, Fairfield.

In Attendance: Dennis Sheil, Janet Barnes, Dennis Ariza, Marci Cervantes, JoRené Danel, Robin Rossi, Lucy Foldhazi, Ken Chew and Doug Cooper

Absent: None

Guests: Mike Foldhazi (*FSVAA member*)

Quorum achieved with nine (9) Board members present.

Dennis Ariza motioned to approve the minutes of October 2017 and Robin Rossi seconded the motion; motion carried.

II. Finance Report (*Marci Cervantes*)

Marci Cervantes distributed Profit & Loss Statements dated October 2017 and November 1-15, 2017. Report shows total income for October was \$1,580.38. The partial report for November showed a receipt of entry fees for the Juried Art Show was \$1,950.00.

III. Membership (*JoRené Danel*)

- A. JoRené Danel reported that there are 15 past due letters to be mailed, and there were seven new memberships.
- B. Lucy Foldhazi updated the FSVAA website to include the names of the new members.

IV. Solano Town Center Gallery (*Dennis Ariza*)

- A. Dennis Ariza reported that the front lights have been installed. The front doors and windows of the gallery have been cleaned. Cost was \$40. Will have inside glass cleaned soon but will need to apply for a work permit prior to scheduling.
- B. December 2: Per Dennis Ariza, there has been an art class /birthday party booked outside the gallery; they will be paying 30% commission.
- C. Juried Art Show: Per Janet Barnes, two of the judges displayed their art in this show, Rick Mariani and Bryan Keith Thomas. At the reception, Janet will be handing out awards along with Suzanne Bragdon, the Suisun City Manager. Dennis Ariza will bring in slides /video for the television to be showing during the art show. Per Janet, there will be a cake for the reception; Robin will man the wine table and there will be a donation jar provided for this table.
- D. Docent Book: Lucy Foldhazi has updated the docent book. Dennis Ariza will review it and remind members to read it.
- E. Facebook: Mike Foldhazi noticed that there weren't too many likes on the Facebook page named "Gallery Solano Town Center" and suggested that we keep an eye on this page and like it.

V. Lawler House Gallery (*Robin Rossi*)

- A. Holiday Boutique: The boutique is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, from noon to 5pm. They are considering opening it up to FSVAA members. It was suggested that each artist should take care of their own sales. There won't be any wall displays as the art currently on the walls in the gallery will not be covered. We have 7 tables now, we can add 2 more. Those selling may bring their own tables. Members at Lawler House will have first dibs on available tables. A motion was made by Ken for the entry fee to be \$35 and Dennis Ariza seconded the motion; motion carried.
- B. Per Robin Rossi, the General Meeting held on Saturday, November 11 was well attended and had good participation.
 - Anna Chunn is taking a sabbatical at the end of the year.
 - Lisa Haas has withdrawn her membership.
 - Lawler House has 37 members.

- At the Lawler House meeting, Meiling Albert had suggested having fewer receptions because attendance at them have dwindled. We will take another look at the frequency of receptions, what we do and how we market them.
 - It was suggested that we do a drawing; we need to get a donation or gift card from one of the stores in the mall. Per Dennis Sheil, we need to put this on the agenda for the next meeting in January.
 - Robin Rossi received a call from Myrlee Potasnik, who is a contact for a local book, art and travel club. They have joined us at the Lawler House for the last three years.
- C. Lawler House: Dennis Ariza reported that we are losing the Lawler House. Dennis had a meeting with the city; they are forced to sell the house. We are trying to get a \$75,000 grant. The house needs a new roof and lots of work. If it sells as is, the city is willing to take offers from us. Dennis is trying to get an appraised value of the house in its "as is" condition and also meeting with a contractor for a replacement room appraisal. A committee is being formed to look into a grant, an art grant and looking into historical buildings.

VI. FSVAA (Dennis Ariza)

- A. Social Media: One of our members (Francisco Balandran) has shown an interest in filling the position of Social Media Manager.
- B. Membership Form: Ken Chew to update the Lawler House Gallery website with the new Membership Form. Lucy Foldhazi will trade out the old forms in the Lawler House Gallery with the new ones.
- C. Committees: We had two new members sign up for the marketing committee, Nathan Groves and Anjelica Lapid. They started working on the card for the next show. They both docent at the Crocker Art Museum.
- Dennis Ariza is sending an email on behalf of the Lawler House Gallery regarding marketing. He will be sitting with those on the committee, talking about doing more and having a support group looking for donations.

VII. Student Art Show (Dennis Ariza)

Per Dennis Ariza, the dates of the show were corrected, and flyers have been updated. We have one dozen schools participating and we are looking for donations. He will be sending out a letter requesting donations to support the student art show. Doug Cooper volunteered to serve on the soliciting committee.

VIII. New Business

- A. Dennis Ariza announced that on Saturday, March 10 a student art walk will be held by high school students at Armijo High School. FSVAA will be on the list for the art walk.
- B. Dennis Sheil made a proposal to benefit Board members that are doing all the work and working every show, setting up shows, etc. to be able to enter one piece per show at no cost and have use of screens for free. This would be more of an appreciation from the organization for all they do. Dennis Sheil made a motion to allow Board members one piece per show at no cost and have use of screens for free and Ken Chew seconded the motion; motion carried with one abstaining.
- C. Dennis Ariza wants artists in the show to docent; he will be contacting them.
- D. A special acknowledgement was made to Mike Foldhazi for building the metal stand for the donation box in the mall gallery.

IX. Next Meeting

- A. The next meeting will be held January 17, 2018 at 7pm.

X. Adjournment

At 8:47pm, Dennis Sheil adjourned the meeting.