2.28.2024 Draft Board meeting minutes

1. Attendance: Present, Torbert Macdonald, Taryn Myers, Betsy Cromley, Maryse Newton, Melinda Campbell, Anne Bancroft, Laurie Chapman; absent: Joey Donnelly; Guest: Anne Lamoriello

2. Approval of Jan. minutes with corrections (spell Szeniawski; vote to approve water heater unanimous): Taryn moves to approve, Maryse seconded, all in favor.

3. Torbert observed that former YAA Presidents Tom Merriam and Glen MacWilliams are both experiencing health issues. Maryse moves and Torbert seconds that we regularly send get-well or sympathy notes to afflicted or bereaved members.

4. Treasurer's report: the Trust is doing well; we have $344 K. Torbert moves, Maryse seconds to use money from the trust to pay for mouse removal and for the water heater. All approved

5. Scholarship to Christopher Karr; the check sent to his university was uncashed. We want to get the money to him via his department so a new check should be issued from the Trust. We need to see that all his college bills have been paid in full so the University can reimburse him the amount of the scholarship.

6. Publicity: Torbert moves, Taryn seconds, that we create a Communications Committee consisting of Anne Lamoriello, retired journalist, Mary Harding and Maryse to create newspaper columns and announcements. All voted in favor. Anne gave us her bio and a plan for publicity strategy.

7. AIP. Art in the Park still has no one to manage it; Dede will meet with Anne to help identify specific deadlines such as getting permission from the Town and hanging a banner. Lee Tree or the Fire Department hangs the banner over York Street.

8. A group that mentors teenage girls, Soul Models, has asked to use our gallery space for one week of mornings in the summer. Anne moves, Maryse seconds to approve: All in favor. They will be sent three possible dates and choose one.

9. Workshops being organized by Laurie Chapman. She asks to have a payment button on our website for workshop participants to register and pay. Laura Fox will set up a payment page on our website. Artists running workshops must make a non-refundable "rent" payment to secure their date and open their workshop for registration.

10. Next Meeting: March 20, 6:15, via ZOOM. Melinda will take notes because the Secretary is traveling.