4.17.24 Draft Board meeting minutes

Betsy Cromley, Secretary

1. Attendance: Present, Torbert Macdonald, Taryn Myers, Betsy Cromley, Maryse Newton, Melinda Campbell, Anne Bancroft, Laurie Chapman
   Absent: Joey Donnelly
2. Approval of minutes for February and March meetings. Betsy moves to approve Minutes for 28 Feb, 2024; Laurie seconds; all vote in favor. Betsy moves to approve 20 March 2024 minutes, Maryse seconds; correction: Diane was not absent since she isn't on the Board; all voted in favor with this correction.
3. Treasurer's report: we have about $328,300. In our investment account and $8500. In cash.
4. Program updates:
   -Tom Glover's talk was well received and he sold 2 paintings. There were about 40 attendees.
   -The potluck appetizer party was pleasant with about 20 attendees and good food; several new members have joined.
   -AIP: The Banner and the Park have both been reserved. Parking location TBD—may be at nearby churches if not in conflict with other events; may also be at hospital parking lot on Woodbridge. Dede will return to York in May and consult on the several tasks to be done for AIP so we can consider delegating. Electricity previously donated by Brian Trainor who lives adjacent; confirm he will contribute again.
   -Summer Camp: 13 children have signed up, averaging slightly older than last year. Taryn says she can take up to 20 but prefers 15.
   -Altrusa: a non-profit that works on literacy; they hold an auction every year; We have contributed gift certificates and other items to them in the past and will again this year.
   -Membership: it has been proposed that we reach out to former and lifetime members by U.S.Mail to invite them to rejoin YAA or become active again. Betsy has offered to write these notes with content advice from others. We may alternatively have a "write-a-thon" where the Board spends an hour in the gallery to write all these personal notes. A function will be added to the website: "Member Planet" --so members can check if they are up to date.
   -Save August 2 for the event "Art in Bloom"; Melinda is securing agreement from the Garden Club.
   -Hanging Committee for the next show will be Mary Harding and a helper? Intake on May 5 will be done by Anne Bancroft and Sally Fortin-Frances

-updating Committees. Melinda asked for clarity on committee memberships. My notes from the November meeting are already in need of correction. They say: Grants, Scholarships, Internship—Melinda; Nominating—Taryn; Public relations—Maryse and Taryn; Development and Advancement—Joey and Taryn; Youth Programming—Taryn; Curatorial (Shows and outside exhibits): Maryse and Laurie; Gift Shop—Betsy; AIP chair—vacant; Buildings and Grounds—Anne and Joey (Jim Knauer volunteer); Governance—Taryn; Education—Laurie; Special Events—Torbert; outreach comm.—Torbert; Membership—Betsy(and Diane).

5. Newsletter: The monthly newsletter needs to have a consistent format, regular dates for submitting announcements and dates of publication well ahead of the events it will list. Maryse will assemble the newsletter, working with Mary Harding who may provide some text, and with Laura Fox who will format, post on social media and email the newsletter via MailChimp.

All contributions to the newsletter must be received by Maryse by the last week of each month. For May this is a May 20th deadline.

6. Building updates: while the building needs many repairs, the priority is a new roof. Metal roofing is too expensive so we sill stick with shingles. Sky-high contracting company made an offer which we prefer due to their thoroughness and their inclusion of extra weatherproofing. Anne moves that we should engage them to do the roof and that we will pay for it from Letitia Moore Trust, and plan to reimburse the Trust when feasible. Betsy seconds. Vote: 2 abstentions, 1 no, 4 yes. Those abstaining said that they were in favor of the plan if the lawyer/accountant wrote a letter stating that we were within the rules of the Trust to spend money in this way. Anne will ask for such a letter.

Another urgent need is replacement of windows and rotting wood around them, to be considered after the roof; also urgent is checking on the air conditioning. The new water heater is to be hooked up on May 8 by electricians.

7. Taryn moves, Anne seconds, to Adjourn at 8:15p.
The next meeting will be at ?