YORK ART ASSOCIATION
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5.22.2024 Draft Board meeting minutes

1. Attendance: Present, Taryn Myers, Betsy Cromley, Maryse Newton, Melinda Campbell, Anne Bancroft, Laurie Chapman and guest Diane Johnson
   Absent: Torbert Macdonald , Joey Donnelly, Maryse Newton

   2. Approval of minutes from April 17: Betsy moves, Taryn seconds, all vote to approve.

   3. Treasurer's report: Anne reports that membership dues, donations, etc are on track with the current fiscal year budget, which is about 5/8 complete. Building maintenance, water heater, website maintenance and other special expenses are over budget but not unexpected. The investments of Trust money have added to our resources and have replenished borrowings from the Trust. Glen MacWilliams, former president, is concerned that we have overspent from the Trust; but the Board understands that repairs and maintenance are essential if the organization and the building are not to sustain permanent damage. The new roof project has received pledges of $4K; we plan to raise the remaining amount to pay back the Trust.

   4. Program updates
   Grant Drumheller lecture—very well received by about 50+ attendees. Event was free, with a donation box near the entrance which did not get a noteworthy amount of $. We could put a sign suggesting a donation $ amount next year.

   Discussion of the "multimedia" theme—it was announced for the current exhibit but changed to "all media" a couple of weeks before drop-off (due to Mary Harding's worry that we wouldn't get enough submissions). General agreement that it is wrong to change parameters for members at the last minute. Themes for exhibits need to be vetted before publishing them to be sure that they are clear. Clarify how many pieces will be accepted from each artist, how maximum size of each artist's submissions is totaled, and how much culling/curating is allowed by the hanging committee.

   Reception on May 10: very lively, lots of visitors and sales from The Wall (artist Ro Patane)

Michael Stasiuk's presentation: invitation should also invite kids, since his art is very whimsical and makes use of familiar found objects. Anne Lamoriello, who will write an article about him, should make an appointment to look at his work, as invited on his website.

Melinda will make a poster for the next show "Embracing Blue". Her last poster for Multi-media was praised for capturing the spirit of multi-media art without featuring any one person's work, which would imply jurying. General agreement that posters should avoid featuring any one person's or a small group's work, but instead embody the theme more abstractly. Posters should be distributed around town by all the artists in the shows to draw more attention to YAA's offerings.

August 2, 5-7pm, is reserved for a Garden Club event. Proposal: Gardeners will view the "Blue" exhibit, select one work to respond to with a fresh flower arrangement, and display it at the gallery during a silent auction. Guests will take home the bouquet won by their bid, or pick it up the following day. Melinda will get the garden club to agree ASAP and sign up participants. They should propose a minimum bid; the Garden club will keep 70% and the gallery will take 30% of the sale for each paid-for arrangement. Refreshments to be served?

AIP: Anne will meet with Dede to identify tasks required for the execution of AIP. Volunteers can be assigned to tasks on the day before and the day of. An Ecology/energy group is touring houses in York on the same day as AIP and will be invited to visit the gallery, since their starting point is at St. George's. Anne is collecting names of anyone willing to commit to working at AIP.

Summer Camp—Taryn has 17 campers signed up and can take up to 20. She needs volunteers to help during camp hours.

Social Event June 14—this is a day when we plan a social event. Irish dancers are available, but perhaps some musicians are preferred? Decision needed.

Membership: we have 70 paid current memberships. We announced that members should pay on January 1; instead they pay whenever they think of it. Do we want to control this with a rolling date and a membership card?

Since we did not get through all the agenda items, we will need another meeting sooner than the monthly scheduled one. Anne suggests a meeting of the Building Committee in addition, to decide on Roof issues. Potential dates to be circulated.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20p.