7/13/20 YAA Board Minutes

Submitted by Secretary Betsy Cromley

Roll call: present—Tom Merriam, Helen Burns, Glen MacWilliams, Scott Blanchard, Andrew Poulopoulos, Betsy Cromley, Maryse Newton, Taryn Myers, Dave Mazur

Approval of minutes from 6/22/20; so moved by Helen; approved unanimously.

Reminder that the Governance Checklist needs everyone's attention to keep it updated and to respond to its requirements. The various Committee Chairs need to produce/find descriptions of each Committee's plans/duties (specify what each Committee Chair can or will do) which are currently kept on file in the YAA office. Tom reviewed a list written by Glen of 10 governance activities.

Glen reminds us that he has a handbook for fundraising for Maine non-profits.

Anyone who wants to submit their art to the website and e-store should consult the YAA website for specifications for photographs. The website also has the route to submit art, and a blog where letters to the membership can be found. Dave Mazur mentioned that he has brought camera equipment to YAA to be able to photograph members' art works for the website.

Taryn reported on summer camp: she has 6 kids signed up and is waiting for approval from a health official to certify that she meets Covid guidelines. Andrew has supplied a tent. Helen and others have weeded, groomed, and otherwise cleaned up the landscape for camp.

Scott explained provisional guidelines for Art in the Park as a virtual event for this Fall. He gathered comments from a number of participants. Open questions are: Should AIP sell work online for 1 month (9/19-10/18) or for a shorter time? Should registrants pay $100.00 with no commission to YAA? Should the fee include a 1-year membership? Should vendors sell both fine art and craft? Should there be a % limit on types of work in order to encourage diversity and avoid, e.g., a glut of jewelers or photographers? Vendors from the past few years as well as members will get a mailing with the AIP guidelines for selling their work.

Maryse reviewed her current activities as Show Chair. She has kept a changing weekly exhibit of art and craft by members in the front window of the YAA building while the building is closed observing Covid restrictions. She has done intake for a new show of members' work to appear on the website by July 16. Maryse requested that the Agamenticus Yacht Club be allowed to use the Gallery for their fund-raising auction. We will get a nominal fee—around $100. Glen so moved; vote: yes—9; no—0.

Helen reported on her research on the Safe Deposit box and on purchase of a safe or fireproof container for important YAA papers. The existing safe deposit box key is missing and Tom was not allowed access by the bank. Perhaps YAA should rent another such box. Fireproof safes/containers are too expensive at this time. Digitizing the important papers would safeguard them, and should be done.

What fire protection does the YAA building have? Building improvements should include new smoke detectors.

The next Board Meeting will be July 27. Tom Moved to adjourn at 7:50; all were in favor.