YAA Board Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2024 (draft)

Submitted by Nancy Garrick, Secretary

1. In attendance: Taryn Myers, Anne Bancroft, Maryse Newton, Melinda Campbell, Laurie Chapman, Nancy Garrick Guest: Mary Harding

2. Approve: October Minutes. Motion made, seconded and passed.

3. Treasurer's report: Our balance is healthy. The Edward Jones fund is just under $350,000. We are awarding the Letitia Moore Scholarship of $3000 to Jaden Bauch, a student at Maine College of Art & Design. Check out her work here: https://moonjadenart.com/bio

4. Program Update:

- The Holiday Cheer Gathering will be at the Gallery on Friday, November 22 from 5-7PM.
- Makers Market will run from November 22 through Sunday, December 15
- Maryse has volunteered to begin the process of organizing the YAA 2025 Calendar. The Board will finalize the calendar at our next Board meeting. YAA hosts five exhibits a year (already chosen) and five social events.
- Board suggestions for social events: Art in Bloom (in partnership with local gardening entity), Empty Bowls (last held in 2011)
- **SUGGESTIONS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS ARE WELCOME FROM YAA MEMBERS**. PLEASE SEND TO MARYSE: marysekn@hotmail.com
- Gift Shop Season Closure is December 15, Member pick-up is between 3-6PM.
- Anne has reserved the park for the 2025 Art in the Park – September 12-13 2025.

5. Building Updates:

- Board voted to go ahead and make the changes to our electrical system prior to finalizing plans for HVAC project. CMP has strongly suggested that we move the meter from the back left of the building to the front left. A motion was made, seconded and passed to go ahead with the work. Wayne Caplette Electric has given us a quote of slightly over $6000, which will include upgrading to 200 amps.
- The Board briefly discussed the agenda item "What are the priorities for the space we have". It was agreed by all that this subject requires a separate meeting(s) to fully explore our options and priorities.
- Anne and Nancy will meet to discuss the parameters and purpose of the Gift Shop as part of the broader discussion of space priorities. Nancy will reach out to Betsy for her input.

6. Membership updates (Mary) – the Membership Drive will take place in March 2025. Mary sent personal letters out to 32 households and received 8 responses totaling contributions of $1750. The more personal solicitations, the better. Little Green Light will help us get a handle on our membership.

It was suggested that joining the York Rotary and/or the Masons might increase our supporting memberships.

Membership report
142 active members
79 exhibiting artists
21 exhibiting student artists
11 individual supporters
11 family supporters
6 ambassadors for the Art
12 lifetime members
2 business members (frameshops)

7. Ogunquit Museum Wreaths (Laurie) – the deadline for participating is December 10. The wreaths will be displayed at the OAA December 14 and 15, 10:30-3:30 PM. Maryse will provide the wreath

8. Newspaper Promotions (Laurie). It is advised that we find another person to volunteer in this capacity. Anne Lamoriello had been helping us, but has needed to step back for personal reasons.

9. Artist proposal (Laurie) An offer was made to YAA to purchase the copyright to this artist's card art. Conclusion – YAA does not purchase copyrights.

10. Grant updates – (Melinda) Melinda has identified a grant that may work for us. It is the Bellevedere Grant offered by the Maine Community Foundation. It is a matching grant of up to $10,000. More information is needed.

11. Scholarship Update (Melinda) See Agenda item #3. Melinda will forward Jaden's bio to Taryn so Taryn can post it on the YAA website. The Board has determined that we need to discuss the parameters of the scholarship (Should it be limited to Maine students for example)

12. Board Members gallery opening sign up sheet (curatorial suggestion)

13. New Business – Todd Bonita Workshop went very well and brought in $600 for YAA. Todd and Kathleen Robbins are interested in presenting workshops in January.

14. Our next meeting will be on December 18 from 6:70-8 PM