YAA Board Meeting Minutes – January 29, 2025

Submitted by Nancy Garrick, Secretary

1. In attendance: Taryn Myers, Anne Bancroft, Maryse Newton, Melinda Campbell, Laurie Chapman, Nancy Garrick Guests: Mary Harding (Membership) YAA member Audrey Gottlieb
Absent: Joey Donnelly

2. **Approve December Minutes:** Protocol for meeting minutes discussed to clarify responsibilities and time line. 1) Secretary sends draft of minutes to President within one week of meeting 2) President reviews notes, suggests edits and returns draft to Secretary 3) Secretary incorporates edits and sends final draft to board member one week before next meeting 4) meeting minutes approved by board at following meeting with final corrections 5) Meeting minutes get posted on YAA website within a week of being accepted by Board. December and January minutes will be approved at February meeting.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Anne Bancroft, Treasurer, shared to up-to-date financials, including operating budget and Letitia Moore scholarship fund. We're in good shape.

4. **Program Updates**: Upcoming:
For the Love of Student Art Exhibit: Fb 13-23. Feb 13 Student reception/Feb 14 opening reception for the community
YAY Camp Updates: for ages 7-13 yrs. July 21-25 [9-3:30 PM]
AIP Updates: Anne is looking for someone(s) to organize Art in the Park this year. Organizing artists and vendors takes place from late March through June. Plenty of volunteers for the actual day of. **Next Steps:** Nancy will meet with Anne to learn the scope of the job.
Laurie will reach out to Peggy Mitchell who works at Caldwell Real Estate and is a friend of hers.

5. **Grant Updates**: Board reviewed and approved submitting the Maine Community Foundation "Community Building Grant":. **Next steps:** Melinda will make minor changes to grant and submit it Feb 3

6. **Workshop Updates**:

- Feb 8 Color Workshop II Kathleen Robbins; Feb 18 Color Workshop I K. Robbins; Feb 25 Color Workshop II K. Robbins [all workshops 10-4PM]
- March 8 Mastering Brushwork in Watercolor Margaret Dwyer [10-4PM]
- July 17 and 18: Landscape into Abstract Amy Brnger

7. **Website Discussion:** Taryn led the Board in a series of three exercises with the goal of identifying 3-4 major themes that our website needs to focus on. Our questions: 1. What is the primary purpose of our website 2. What does our website do well? 3. Where do we need improvement. We registered our response on post-its. **Next Steps;** Taryn will sort through our individual post-it responses and see what consensus emerges that will direct our efforts to improve our website. **Suggestion**: include a questionnaire to members in our next newsletter inviting them to respond to the three questions.

8. **Next meeting: Wednesday February 19 // 6-7:30 PM**

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM.

<u>Carried over ideas from November's Board Meeting</u>

- It was suggested that joining the York Rotary and/or the Masons might increase our supporting memberships.
- 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.
- Board Members gallery opening signup sheet (curatorial suggestion)

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Discussion of a YAA 60th anniversary gala