YAA Board Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2025

Submitted by Nancy Garrick, Secretary

1. **In attendance:** Taryn Myers, Anne Bancroft, Maryse Newton, Melinda Campbell, Laurie Chapman, Nancy Garrick, Diane Johnson (accountant)

2. **Approve April Minutes:** Motion made, seconded and passed.

3. **Treasurer's report (Anne)**: We reviewed the Budget vs Actuals Report Oct 1 '24-April 30 '25. Our balance remains healthy. We are considering reserving the funds we've put aside for relocating the wiring if it proves better to bundle wiring project with comprehensive building improvement project.
Treasurer's report approved.

4. **Program Updates:**
Entre Nous: One Artist Wall piece told. Four pieces sold from Gallery exhibit. Reception was well attended with 50-60 people.
YAY Camp 2025: One spot still available. Taryn will continue to use "junior counselors" to help with camp.
Action: Taryn will put a request for needed adult help in the next newsletter.
York Art in Bloom August 8th. Susan Haynes is the PGC liaison. Melinda Campbell is the YAA liaison for this event. Event is on track. Proceeds raised from the Silent Auction floral arrangements will be donated by PGC to YAA.
AIP 2025 22 applicants, 19 accepted, 13 confirmed with booths chosen. Slightly different booth layout (visual available on LGL).
Discussed possibility of having silk screening "Volunteer" on back of T-shirts, done by volunteers
Do we want to have a table that local galleries and art organizations can have their promo materials? YES
Do we want to have a coffee station for vendors? YES
Do we like to idea of having long sleeved T-shirts for volunteers? YES.
Sale of T-shirts will include short sleeved ones remaining from last year.
Board agreed to have Patten help us relandscape the area in front of the Gallery. Tara Sherman has volunteered to direct effort.

5. Renovate 2026 (Anne)
Anonymous Donation A generous YAA member has donated @ $100,000 (in stock) towards our capital campaign to improve our building.
Contractor info We've reached out to two construction companies for estimates: Gary from Shoreline Construction and Conrad Delisio form CDL Construct LLC.

6. Workshop updates (Laurie):
We discussed the structure of our payment method to workshops artists. The contract with workshop artists will be reviewed by board members and follow up discussion will occur at our next meeting. Points to consider: cancellation policy, stripe vs PayPal, room rental fee.

Actions: Laurie will email contract to board members; Nancy will call KAA, Barn Gallery and any other places that have a similar set up as us and find out what they rent their space for.

7. Annual Meeting: next annual meeting set for Sunday, September 7, 4-5:30 PM. Notify members 30 day prior to meeting.
All Board of Director positions are up for a vote. Taryn will be stepping down as president but will volunteer to stay on as a board member.
Discussed process for getting new board members: Offer a "meet the board' event. June 27, 5:30-7PM YES. Invite potential board members to attend July 16 or August 20 Board meetings to get to know us and ask questions.

8. New Business
Secretary will take responsibility for writing thank you notes and correspondence letters and delegate a 'sub' when necessary due to illness or travel.
Action: Need to discuss in more detail with other board members who might want to write their own notes and Mary who often has correspondence with 'constituents' through LGL.
Joey will be thanked for his Board membership in the upcoming YAA Newsletter.
Question: I could write Joey a thank you note from the Board but I think It would make more sense to have that one come from Taryn, the President or someone who knew him as a Board member.
We will ask Mary to have 500 more rack cards printed.

9. Meeting adjourned at 8:30
10. Next meeting Wednesday, June 18, 6PM.

Carry overs from recent meetings:

- Mary will talk to someone about offering an **"Open Studio"** that we can put on the calendar as a recurring event. Would be day time, twice a month, likely 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays 9-noon. Would like to consider an evening session as well but we will need a member artist to be present. Idea: Include a yard sign out front on the days that we're open for Open Studio to that people who are driving or walking by will be enticed to come in and browse.
- **2028 YAA 70th Anniversary gala** – agenda item tabled for the moment