YORK ART ASSOCIATION
Established 1968

10.10.22

Approved Board Meeting Minutes

1. Attendance: Present- Joey Donnelly, Tom Merriam, Torbert Macdonald, Dede Cadieux, Helen Burns, Glen MacWilliams , Betsy Cromley, Taryn Myers

2. Approval of minutes from Annual Meeting of Members: Torbert asked to change "Green" to Green Tourism"; Betsy moved to approve, Torbert seconded: all approved. Approval of draft minutes from the last Board meeting of 14 September was postponed since everyone didn't have them; then Taryn was able to print them out, so everyone reviewed them; Helen moved, Dede seconded to approve; all voted to approve.

3. Governance checklist: Membership—Discussion about when dues should be paid; do we want to change bylaws to make the membership year start on January 1? Many agreed this would be better than 1 October as it is now. A members meeting is required to make this change to the bylaws. A date for this meeting will be selected and announced by email to membership.

4. New Board Members: Helen moved, Betsy seconded, to approve nomination of Joey Donnelly to the Board. All approved. Suggested names to ask to serve on the Board: Bobbie Gray, Brian Trainor. Glen and Tom will follow up.

5. Old Board member: Maryse has stepped off the Board after 8 years' service. The Board presented her with a life-time membership in YAA, a certificate and dinner at the York Harbor Inn. Glen read a thank-you note to the Board from Maryse.

6. Draft Schedule for 2023 exhibits and events. Betsy presented the draft which she and Maryse put together. It specifies dates for gallery shows and openings, and event dates to be filled with music, lectures, demos or whatever people come up with. Helen moved; Dede seconded; all voted to approve the draft. Dede wants to send it to members to entice them to renew their memberships.

7. Working with York Parks and Recreation, YAA supports “For the Love of Art”, a plan to show children’s art in the Gallery for two weeks in February 2023. Dede moved; Taryn seconded to approve; all voted in favor.

8. A music performance has been arranged for November 4, postponed from October 14. It will be in the Gallery from 6-7:30; the Board agreed that having a suggested donation of $20. at the door is better than charging for each ticket.

9. A woman who lost her job due to covid dropped by the gallery and talked to Maryse about a potential job as gallery manager. Although we do not have the funds to pay someone right now, we reviewed her resume. Torbert said that her credentials are just what we need to revive the YAA.

10. Glen announced a gift of an air purifier to the YAA from Betsy Cromley and Curt Lamb. We can plug it into either the office or the Gallery. He also announced that the gallery heating has been restored.

11. The Letitia Moore Trust scholarship competition yielded 8 applicants. Helen prepared a packet and left it in the office to the Board to read, which some did. Betsy went over her notes on each applicant to remind the Board of their virtues and deficits. Betsy moved, Helen Seconded, that we award the tuition scholarship to Abigail Saeed at Temple University. Helen will complete the award and send a check.

12. Tom Merriam has secured the artist’s wall for his work in November. He wants to have an opening on November 18 from 5-7; this is in addition to the Small Works opening the week before.

13. The next meeting of the Board will be by ZOOM on November 16, 2022, at 6 pm.