YORK ART ASSOCIATION
Established 1968

Minutes for Board Meeting 12/15/20

Roll call-- present: Tom Merriam, Glen MacWilliams, Scott Blanchard, Betsy Cromley, Helen Burns, Maryse Newton, Taryn Myers; visitor Laura Fox

Helen Moved to accept the minutes for 11/11/20; All voted in favor.

Regarding new Board members, the Board reviewed biographical statements for two proposed new members, Torbert Macdonald and Dede Cadieux (see bios, attached). Glen moved to accept Torbert as a new Board member; all voted to accept. Helen moved that we accept Dede as a new Board member. Glen amended the motion to accept her, provided she completes her vetting documents. All voted in favor of amended motion.

Laura Fox has agreed to assist Taryn in managing the website and YAA marketing to improve art sales. She has worked with Taryn to identify some improvements or new features for the YAA website including an artist's page for each YAA member who wants to show their work in that mode. Laura suggests that the website maintenance model should be formalized so future contributors will have instructions.

Maryse (see attached) reported on new show calendar and proposed reopening the Gallery on March 12, 2021; the building will need a thorough cleaning before March 7. The proposed calendar of gallery activity has an art opening or an event (music, poetry, etc.) on the second Friday of every month.

In order to open, the building report will tell us about maintenance issues that need to be dealt with beforehand. Glen reported for the Building committee that the architect engaged to produce measured drawings has begun.

Glen moved to accept Drew Poulopoulos's resignation form the Board. All voted in favor.

The next meeting date will on 15 January on Zoom at 9am.

Helen moved to adjourn at 7:20; all voted in favor.

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Torbert H. Macdonald Jr. Brief Bio 11-20-20

B. 1-1-46 Married: Caroline S. Macdonald Children: Ian, Molly, Lucas Education: Malden, MA public schools grades 1-9 Phillips Andover grades 10-12 Harvard College B.A. government 1969 Raised by an artist/actor mother. I have always seen the world in terms of the immutable yet ever changing beauty of nature. Aware that mimesis of nature is the primary impetus for our artistic endeavors... I perceive that all of nature is sacred, all life is holy. The motivating force in my life is to serve the sacred, to protect and preserve the natural world... This for me is the role of art in my life - to serve, protect and endeavor to honor creation. My professional life has been in government service: - As an energy policy analyst for the New England Governors - Head of Policy, Planning, and Review for the Maine Office of Energy Resources - Governor Joe Brennan's Appointee to the Northeast Inter-National Committee on Energy (N.I.C.E), developing alternative energy policy and practices with the Canadian Maritimes and Quebec. - As a York citizen I have served as: - Conservation Commission (Chair) - Comprehensive Plan Committee - Charter Commission - Planning Board Member (several terms) - Selectman (elected 3x) I support the arts through frequent museum and gallery attendance and purchase/collection of art created by New England artists and am interested and motivated to help further the vitality of the arts and artists.

Dede Cadieux 'in a nutshell':

Born 5/9/63 in Detroit, Michigan; High School degree from Westminster School in Simsbury, CT in '81;

Graduated with a business degree and International Affairs degree in '85 from UNH.

Married Brian Cadieux in 1987. Have 2 grown kids. Clay (26) and Caroline (28).

After living in the Boston area, moved permanently to York, Maine in 1995.

Started a jewelry business called Dede Cadieux Designs after getting a degree in gemology from the Gemological Institute of America in 1994.

Volunteerism as it relates to art:

Have volunteered on a weekly basis at Common Art at the Emmanuel Church in Boston teaching beading since 2015. This is an art program for 'housing challenged' individuals. It is a part of a bigger Boston based program called Common Cathedral. www.commoncathedral.org.

This program takes place on a weekly basis at the church and provides homeless and section 8 housing folks with all kinds of art they can do. It provides them with a sense of community, belonging and the ability to create art which is very therapeutic.

Volunteerism in general in York:

Food delivery for YCSA. Started the York County Family Fund through the First Parish Church in 2006. We provide emergency funding for folks in immediate financial distress. www.yorkcountyfamilyfund.org

Have volunteered at the YAA doing beading classes for kids and started conversations about community art outreach programs with Annette Brennan before she left YAA.

What I would like to do for YAA:

Create and support ongoing community outreach efforts to people of all ages to involve them (and their families) in art classes/programs at YAA.

I feel that the more visible YAA becomes, the more profitable, sustainable and effective it will be.

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Proposed 2021 Exhibit Calendar YAA Prepared by Maryse Newton, Exhibit Chair In anticipation of a Spring 2021 reopening of our gallery I propose the following exhibit schedule for consideration; March 12 RETURN (one piece from each member artist) April 9 Event May 14 SEA GREEN June 11 Event July 9 MID SUMMER August 13 Event September 10 EARLY FALL October 8 Event November 12 SMALL WORKS (12x12 or smaller) December 10 Event A lot of behind the scenes and planning still need to happen to make this coming exhibit year a reality. To make the above happen we will need volunteers for intake, hanging, labelling, take down & pickup, postcard mailing, publicity, event booking and gallery sitting, etc. We will need to plan a big cleaning of the gallery space and gift shop in March for the first intake which would be March 7/8. We will need to book the events by January/February. We are looking for suggestions/ contact info for local talent and more ideas to fill our “Second Friday” spots. As a board we can work together to make this coming year a success. We need our membership, artists and volunteers involved and excited to jump in and help make our little red gallery sparkle again!