YORK ART
ASSOCIATION
Established 1968

9.13.21 minutes for Board meeting (with Tom's corrections)

1. roll call
Present: Taryn Myers Helen Burns, Tom Merriam, Torbert McDonald, Scott Blanchard, Glen MacWilliams, Dede Cadieux .

Absent: Todd Bonita, Maryse Newton.

2. Minutes approved for the meeting of 8.16.21—Helen moved to approve, Taryn seconded; all in favor with a date correction.

3. AIP report: Scott says 18 artists signed up; music at 11:30 to 4 PM. Food truck promised—caution to park it on pavement, not on tree roots. Lay out of booths in park is under consideration --booths in a circle?

4. Scholarship update: August 31 applications were due. Mary Harding will consult. Award will be made by the end of September.

5. New business:

Glen drafted a letter to encourage members to become more active, contribute both effort and money (attached).

Our bylaws say we must send out a slate of officers to be voted on 30 days ahead of our annual meeting. The annual meeting will be on October 16 at 10am in the Gallery. The slate is: President—Glen; vice president –Taryn; Treasurer and Acting President –Helen; Secretary—Betsy. A proxy form will be sent out so members who cannot be present will be able to vote.

Memberships expire Sept. 30; in order to vote for new slate of officers, members must renew before vote. Reminder will be sent.

Classes in the gallery. A violin class was proposed; a photo class was proposed. Board discussed rental agreements—perhaps $100. per hour to cover heat and electricity? Fees per class? Fees per student? Requiring every student to become a member as part of class fees? All TBD.

Glen announced that the heating/ventilating machinery in the gallery is too old to be repaired, must be replaced. He will meet with the engineers this week. Proposed that we consider a bank loan to pay for it.

A concert by Dave Vose is scheduled for 17 October; another concert by Jeff Warner is possible before Christmas.

Betsy moved, Dede seconded to adjourn at 7:15; all voted in favor.

September 14, 2021

Memorandum
To: Membership, York Art Association (YAA)
From: Glen MacWilliams, Chairman - Governance Committee, Chairman - Building and Grounds Committee, and YAA Clerk

In just a few weeks the YAA annual membership meeting will take place. The Board of Directors (BOD) is required to act in accordance with our by-laws to provide proper notice of a slate of Officers for the membership to consider. It's probable that most of the membership is unaware that some of the current Directors in leadership terms expire September 30 and some Directors are planning to leave the BOD. The current number of Directors is ten. We are allowed to have eighteen. On September 30, the number will be six. Helen Burns is the Vice President and Treasurer and will be acting President when Tom Merriam's term expires. Helen has agreed to remain Treasurer, Elizabeth Crowley will remain the Secretary, Taryn Myers has accepted the nomination to be Vice President, and I have accepted the nomination to be President. This is the slate of Officers that the Membership can vote to accept at the newly scheduled meeting 10AM October 16, 2021 at the York Street Gallery. Please note that only members can vote and that all current memberships expire on September 30. Some Directors see this as the perfect storm, coming at a time when pandemic and change is difficult enough to manage. It is a critical time for YAA.

The current BOD has worked diligently to maintain and grow the capacity of YAA through difficult times. We've developed a beautiful website with the help of Maine Fox Marketing and Ephemeris, LLC, and maintained by YAA Director Taryn Myers, at www.yorkartassociation.com, and enabled e-commerce for our membership to continue to show and sell our art. We're hosting our annual Art in the Park this coming Saturday, Sept.18. We've developed governance policy to manage the business, which is documented in the ABOUT tab on our website in our Handbook. Our faithful volunteers have opened the gallery on

York Street three days a week. This was done despite the lack of air conditioning and soon to be required heat; and we've just learned the mechanical system is not repairable and there is currently no plan to replace it. One of my additional duties as Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee has been to organize the resources to make repairs while also trying to accommodate using the gallery as we have become accustomed. We hired architect Hiroko Lindsay and CSI consulting engineers to assess the building conditions, so we know mostly what to do, but we have no capital campaign to allocate funds for repairs.

The current conditions are critical. Without your support and willingness to join or support the BOD, it may not be possible for the leadership to continue YAA. YAA faced similar conditions two years ago when I was elected to the BOD. We evolved in the face of hardship, used our creative energies to further the mission and carried on the business. We ask that you, the members of YAA, consider acting the same way. Give your creative energies and whatever resources you can to support the mission. Please begin by reading the Handbook to see how we operate and decide how you may best support us. We need new Board members. We need financial support. We need artists and art lovers to support artists. For the love of art.

Please contact me with any questions you may have. glenmacwilliams@gmail.com