YORK ART
ASSOCIATION
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9/27/21 draft minutes, YAA Board

meeting opened at 2p

1.Roll call

Present: Torbert MacDonald, Todd Bonita, Glen MacWilliams, Maryse Newton, Helen Burns, Dede Cadieux, Tom Merriam, Betsy Cromley
Absent: Scott Blanchard, Taryn Myers

2. Minutes from 9/13/21—Helen moved to accept, Dede seconded; all voted in favor.

3. Since the Secretary will be absent on 10/16/21, Dede has agreed to record the minutes.

4. Letitia Moore Scholarship: Helen received four applications; Helen and Mary Harding reviewed them and recommended we give the scholarship to Sarah Johnson. The Board voted in favor. Helen will write the acceptance letter and send to Sarah; Betsy will draft a rejection letter and forward it to Helen who will notify the rejects.

5. Glen met with an inspector who said we can repair some parts of our HVAC system with little expense; the rest will need to be replaced. Glen will try to find a used door to replace the broken back door on the Gallery.

6. AIP report: Scott was absent so we still await a final report, but it seems that in spite of Covid, it was a success. 19 booths were arranged in a circle; the food truck supplied good flavors; visitors contributed significant donations at the door; the weather was great. The Board suggests that next year we supply a rain date.

7. Discussion of using the building for workshops. There was general agreement that we want workshops and classes to animate the gallery, and we require them to match our mission to further the arts as their primary purpose. A pricing policy needs to be formalized, perhaps giving the gallery 30% of students' fees, or some other arrangement.

8. New Business

Helen invited the Piscataqua Garden Club to use our gallery for a potential show next summer; she awaits discussions with them. Maryse will follow up with a title and time slot on next year's show calendar.

Helen reviewed the Annual Meeting plan for October 16, requesting brief Reports from several committee chairs.

Maryse announced that Angelique Luro has volunteered to take on some public relations tasks—perhaps a newsletter? Postcards announcing shows? She may take over some tasks from Taryn who is overburdened. We need Taryn to tell us how we can help her meet website posting deadlines, etc. It will be decided which tasks Angelique can take on after discussions with Taryn and Maryse.

Maryse seeks ideas from members regarding the titles/topics for the calendar of shows for 2022.

The Board discussed the idea that members who want to exhibit but cannot gallery-sit could meet their obligation in other ways—perhaps a way to pay others to do their sitting…

Tom mentioned that the gallery owns some portable walls that could be used to expand hanging space for artists. Some artists have requested this. Current portable walls are too flimsy. TBD

There is a concert scheduled for October 17; publicity is needed. Perhaps Angelique can start on this?

Todd has scheduled two demonstrations at the gallery for October. He will do the painting as he teaches the audience new techniques. These workshops are free. Again, publicity is needed. Do people have to register for these?

9. Helen moved, Betsy seconded, to adjourn at 3:20