YORK ART
ASSOCIATION
Established 1968

Annual Meeting Minutes

Gallery
394 York Street
York Harbor, Maine 03911

October 16, 2021, 10:00 AM Call to Order

Vice President, Helen Burns Presiding

Roll Call of Board Members Present

Present: Tom Merriam, Glen MacWilliams, Maryse Newton, Taryn Myers, Scott Blanchard, Dede Cadieux, Helen Burns

Absent: Torbert MacDonald, Todd Bonito, Betsy Cromley

Terms Expired September 30, 2021
Mr. Thomas Merriam
Mr. Glen MacWilliams
Mrs. Maryse Newton
Mrs. Taryn Myers
Scott Blanchard

Terms to Expire in 2022
Mrs. Helen Burns
Mrs. Elizabeth Cromley

Terms to Expire 2023
Mrs. Dede Cadieux
Mr. Torbert MacDonald, Jr.
Mr. Todd Bonito

Certify Proxies and Members Present
Certify Quorum Present to Conduct Annual Meeting

Virginia Calvo, Sally Glenn, Kathy Wilkinson, Gene Galipeau, Ken Gilbride present. Quorum in effect

Nominations to the Board of Directors

Proposed Slate of Officers

President, Mr. Glen MacWilliams
Vice President, Mrs. Taryn Myers
Treasurer, Mrs. Helen Burns
Secretary, Mrs. Elizbeth Cromley
New Nominations

Proposed Board Member

Mrs. Maryse Newton
New Nominations

All Approved
No new nominations
Tom Merriam has offered to help as needed.

2020/2021 Reports

President

Thomas Merriam

Tom reported that over the past 21 months, we have had 28 meetings.
Created a new logo.
Enhanced the website with Taryn's help.
Enhanced the governance documentary checklist and done back casting exercises with Glen's help.
Had a successful Youth Camp with Taryn's help.
Looked into the legal use of the Letitia Moore Trust.
Evaluated a membership strategy.
Held 2 post modernism shows.
Re-examined our core strategic intentions.
Worked with an architecture company to examine our current building and its needs.
Had Sara Johnson as our summer intern.
Met with Alyssa Wright to discuss future growth and grant writing.
Had an Irish Step Dancing performance
Had a Jeff Warner concert.
Integrated the handbook into our website.
Clarified our whistle blower policies.
Have made sure our board and members are protected from any potential legal issues.
Have approached the town about the possibility of having the Blinn property donated to us so that we can collaborate with other local art and cultural organizations. Torbert MacDonald has been leading this initiative with the selectman and we are on hold. The intention would be to keep our present building operational.

Vice President
Mrs. Helen C. Burns
Treasurer Report
Mrs. Helen Burns
Ms. Diane Johnson

Helen has been meeting with our bank to discuss the yield of the Letitia Moore Trust which is currently at about 2.3%. She feels it could be higher and will continue to meet with the investment counselors to work towards this goal. The trust currently has about $373,000.

The 2021 budget and 2022 future budgets are attached to this email.

The gift shop has earned $3850 overall this year. Our commission is 30% on sales netting us $1155. 22 artists have their art/crafts in the shop.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee Report
Mrs. Dede Cadieux

Membership has been slow to grow and difficult to sustain with Covid's effects. We feel that we will grow our membership through collaboration with other art and cultural organizations. The dates of renewal have been difficult to manage. We feel that we can allow for a 6-month window to allow people time to renew without penalty. We will look into a platform to send out automated renewal notices and will make it clearer on our website. A postcard reminder will be considered as well.

Exhibits. Studio, and Show Report
Mrs. Maryse Newton

Maryse has coordinated 6 exhibits. Each was 2 months long over the past year.
The Artist's Wall has been successful in generating income at $100 per artist. Wall is granted for a 1-month period.
Having had Sara Johnson as an intern over the summer was very helpful and helped keep our doors open. A challenge without her presence is covering gallery hours with the help of member volunteers.

Maryse would like to have another person coordinate volunteer gallery coverage going forward.
Open studio on Tuesdays will continue.

Maryse has requested members to email her ideas about exhibit ideas. Some thoughts are Environmental Change, Garden Club collaboration, international vs. local scenes.

The Plein Air Paint out was a big success which we collaborated with Friends of Mt. A.
We have an upcoming Children's Exhibit at the beginning of December followed by the Makers Market.

Art in the Park Report
Mr. Scott Blanchard

Overall, it was a success, but we could have had more vendors. 23 signed up. 17 ended up being there. We had 3 different musicians and a food truck. The volunteers were incredibly helpful during the event. People that had never been into YAA were able to get inside the building and see what we are all about. For next year, we will start advertising earlier and work to increase our vendors.
We netted about $4000 from the event.

York Art Youth and Summer Camp Report
Mrs. Taryn Myers

The camp was a success this year with 11 campers and 2 junior counselors. Revenue was $2500, expenses were $1000.

Buildings and Grounds Report
Mr. Glen MacWilliams

Our HVAC system is now working. We have heat and AC. No hot water. We will need to look into getting an Energy Recovery Unit in place to filter in clean air. This could cost several thousand dollars.

Governance Report
Mr. Glen MacWilliams

Our governance handbook is now on our website. We now have cultural clarity.

Grants and Scholarship Report
Mrs. Helen C. Burns

We had 3 applicants for our $2000 scholarship. Mary Harding volunteered to look at the applications and Sara Johnson was approved to receive the scholarship.

Approve Reports, and Actions of the Board of Directors and Officers. All approved.

Additional Business

Winter hours? To be discussed by the board.

Questions and/or Comments from the floor

None.

Adjournment