

Focus Art Executive meeting June 22nd, 2010

We updated the list of our current executive members as there have been a few changes since the elections in May.

Our present executive consists of

Sandra Taylor as president
Micheline Tanguay as vice-president
Jacqueline Milner as treasurer
Adele Constantineau as recording secretary
Tina Morin as corresponding (computer) secretary
D'Arcy Thorpe as past president and communication officer

Directors:

Bev Leroux
Libby Cameron
Anne Bergeron
Anita Latour
Denise Desjardins
and returning to the executive as a director, Pat Campbell

In attendance at tonight's meeting were:

Sandra /Micheline /Pat /Tina /Jacqueline /Anita /Anne /Adele

1-Our first item was to vote Pat Campbell back on board, nominated by Sandra and seconded by Micheline... agreed by all.

4- Sandra will be looking into Job descriptions for the executive and will report it as the next meeting, so everyone will know exactly what is expected of them.

5-Thursdays July 22nd has been set as the date for the planning meeting. If the four absent executive members cannot attend on this date this date may be moved.

*Action item: Tina to send out notice of the planning meeting to all executive members as soon as possible.

Jacquie, Sandra and Pat Campbell offered their places as a destination. Because of allergies to animals it was decided to have it at Pat Campbell's 10 Fraser St. West in St Andrews from 9am to 4pm. Lunch will be pot luck, so think about what to take.

6-It is important at this time to decide who will be our guest speaker for the September meeting. Sandra mentions Karen Goetzing a textile artist from Ottawa. Because it is a new venue to most of us, it promises to be interesting. Jacquie believes that a hands-on demonstration would be more interesting and if it was local talent it would be much less expensive, she suggested our local sculptor Adrien Piette but we are told he has been approached several times and he is not interested. Everyone checks out Karen's works online before Sandra proposes that we approach Karen. The proposal is seconded by Anne and agreed by all.

7-Focus Art needs a space for its possessions. Since most of our meetings are at the Centre Charles Emile Claude, storage at this location would be most convenient. At this time a filing cabinet, two bins, boxes and display material have been stored at the studio for quite some time. In addition to these items we need room available for partitions that are used at Art shows and bookkeeping records which have been stored at separate locations. Having everything in one location at our meeting place is convenient and vital. In addition an extra key will be provided to the executive in the event that Sandra is not available for access to FA storage or meetings. The executive asks Sandra what she thinks a reasonable fee for storage would be. Sandra suggests between \$50.00 and \$100.00 per month. The Executive discusses storage and fees. Sandra abstains from this part of discussion and voting to avoid a conflict of interest. Jacquie started with an amount of \$50 a month, Pat suggests \$65 at \$780 a year and Tina suggests rounding it off to an amount equal to 2 months rent for Sandra's studio which would equal \$800.00. Tina moves for \$200.00 per quarter, it is seconded by Anita and agreed on by majority. Jacquie agreed on decision to compensate for storage however would have liked to see a lower fee. (Sandra or Focus Art could dissolve this agreement for storage at any time with 2 months notice.)

www.sgm.qc.ca/manoir Adele makes a report on both and even though the Manoir is further, the price is right and the area on a lake is scenic with many possibilities of subject matter for all artists interested in exploring this venue. Since weekends are the first to be booked and are hard to get, we agree that a midweek trek would be just as fulfilling. The dates suggested are the 10-11-12th of August. The Manoir will be contacted for availability. The suggested price at this time is \$125. for shared accommodations for two nights, all meals included. A deposit will be required to secure your place and we will be putting out this possibility to all our members... ASAP Sandra agrees to coordinate this event.

The other possibility for a getaway is the Bridgewater Retreat in Tweed On, we will be getting more information on this retreat and will report back to the executive as it would be a great destination for a Fall foliage destination. It also looks like a great place to do some plein air painting. It can be checked out at www.bridgewaterretreat.ca

9-Jacquie had asked Rose if being incorporated meant that Focus Art can give tax deductible receipts for donations. She had made a call to Bernadette Clement to verify details of Focus Art's Incorporation upon which Bernadette offered to meet with a couple of the executive members to clarify the details of our Incorporation. It is agreed that Sandra, Jacquie and Adele will meet with her ASAP. Jacqueline will look into setting up a meeting with Ms. Clement for July 8th, a date agreed on by Sandra, Adele & Jacquie.

10-Micheline proposes closing the meeting which is seconded by Adele and agreed by all.