

Meeting of November 18, 2009

In attendance: D'Arcy, Sandra, Rose, Bev, Denise, Micheline, Anita

- 1) Minutes from Sept. 16, 2009 and Oct. 21, 2009 meetings were reviewed and adopted. Rose proposed, Sandra second; all in favour. Sandra requested that the minutes show that Anita Huygen has taken the position of secretary and is now taking minutes.
- 2) Nov. 4th general meeting received favourable reviews with a large attendance of 40 or more participants. During this meeting 3 new web pages were added to the FA website and 6 new members joined the group.
- 3) Rose's financial report indicated that we began the month with a balance of \$2632.45 minus \$170.59 for cheques and bank charges. Our deposits of \$1,110 were from calendar sales and memberships. We still have \$825.84 in outstanding cheques which gives us an actual balance of \$2746.02 with 69 paid-up members. Bernadette Clement is our new lawyer. We don't have the current count on calendar sales. D'Arcy will review data and give us an update. Sandra proposed to accept the financial report, Denise second, all in favour.
- 4) Absentee executives update: D'Arcy indicated that Charlene Bennett has officially resigned.
- 5) Cornwall City Council meeting on art steering committee and centre: No-one was able to attend this meeting. According to bits of information gathered by different members it seems that the original money that was earmarked and plans made to relocate the CRAG to the basement of the library have now grown to an estimated cost of over two million dollars and is simply too costly to proceed with. There is talk of having a location in the cotton mill location. Any further discussion with Syd Gardner should be done by the executive committee.
- 6) Theme show update: D'Arcy contacted Sylvie at CRAG and that location is unavailable for the show. Rose will speak with Karen, at the Cornwall Square to see if they have a location that we can use. Eastcourt Mall was suggested as another possible location. D'Arcy will make contact with them. This event will occur April-May 2010. The theme is "5", anything to do with five. The publicity can be sent out even though the venue has not

been secured yet so that participants can begin to prepare themselves. Sandra proposed to announce this event during December's general meeting, D'Arcy second, all in favour.

- 7) Focus Art 2010 Cornwall art festival proposal: D'Arcy and other members expressed concerns regarding the lack of support during previous events. This venture would require that everyone be on board. All are in favour of this event. It is to be discussed in more detail during Feb. meeting. Sandra proposed to put this on the agenda for a 5 year plan, Rose second, all in favour.
- 8) Focus Art Artist run fine arts centre/gallery- Due to the lack of support this venture has been shelved for the moment with the intention to revisit it at a later time. Sandra proposed, D'Arcy second, all in favour.
- 9) Public workshop at Cornwall Square 2010 – Rose indicated that the Cornwall Square is allocating us a budget of \$1000 for supplies for this event. They will order the supplies. There were only 6 responses to Rose's e-mail requesting volunteers for the steering committee and people to spend a couple of hours at the Square for the event. Some interesting ideas were submitted. More participation is needed.
- 10)Media coordinator- It has been established that Rose has too many responsibilities and cannot be the media coordinator. D'Arcy has a candidate in mind for this job. He will contact the person and give us an update.
- 11)“Meeting minutes” available to the general membership – Any member can sit in at the executive meetings. Meeting minutes are available once they are approved by the executive committee. For now, written request for the minutes are to be sent to Sandra. Rose is looking into having a link created for a PDF file under “meetings” on the FA website that would give access to the approved minutes. D'Arcy proposed the motion, Rose second, all in favour.
- 12)Dec. 2nd party – a list of refreshments and goodies was made. Rose proposed a budget of \$125, D'Arcy second, all in favour. The gym is occupied that day so it is unavailable to us. Each participant at the party will receive a ticket for a draw to win one of 10 door prizes. These prizes will be provided by Sandra, Micheline, Bev, Rose & Chantal and Denise. The

prizes will be wrapped and numbered. The winner of a prize will draw a number that will coincide with a prize. There will also be the book trading and artist trading cards.

D'Arcy proposed to adjourn the meeting, Micheline second, all in favour.