

Meeting of January 20, 2010

In attendance: D'Arcy, Sandra, Rose, Micheline, Anita, Denise (via Skype)

- 1) Painting winner presentation – Pictures of Anita Lebon, were taken with Pat Campbell and D'Arcy Thorpe as she received her prize. (See website for picture)
- 2) Rose proposed to accept minutes of the Nov. 18, 2009 meeting, Micheline second the motion, all were in favour.
- 3) Rose presented her financial report which included November and December, 2009. We come into January with a bank balance of \$3,946.85 and 79 paid-up members. More calendars are still being sold. Sandra proposed to accept the financial report presented, D'Arcy second, all in favour. Rose suggested that it's time that Focus Art purchases a computer. All agreed a laptop would be better as well as an external memory drive. Sandra proposed that research be done to determine the cost for the next meeting. D'Arcy second, all in favour. There is a possibility of getting grants to help with the cost. Instead of purchasing a printer we could get our printing done elsewhere at a reduced cost.
- 4) Theme show update -The Cornwall Square is offering space for our show during the last week of April. Dates to be confirmed. There is the potential of a partnership to help us with the insurance costs. More info to come later.
- 5) Eastcourt Mall contact update – There is no office at the mall. Attempts to contact RioCan have been unsuccessful to date. D'Arcy will try again.
- 6) Cornwall Square Workshop update – Rose described the action plan that she presented to Karen at the Square. Several interesting activities are planned for the week of March 15-19, for children ranging from 5 to 13 years old; captains are ready to lead their teams. Volunteers are definitely needed to help. This will be held at the old Blue Jean location. T-shirts are being provided for the volunteers.
- 7) Media director – This position has yet to be filled. The search is still on for a bilingual media director.
- 8) Conference calling – This issue is resolved with the successful use of Skype
- 9) Next meeting – Presentation from Gerry Swift on the subject of pricing and marketing artwork is yet to be confirmed. Should this not work out, speed painting will be the activity for the next meeting.
- 10) Sandra proposed the possibility of organizing a weekend retreat for artists at the Shalom House in Alexandria. Lodging and meals are free, and donations are appreciated. A few people will try it out first to see if the experience is worthwhile. Rose second, all in favour.

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