

Minutes of executive meeting of April 21st, 2010

In attendance: Sandra, D'Arcy, Jacqueline, Beverly, Patricia, Anita, Anne, Libby, Tina, Adele and Rose and Micheline.

First meeting with new board members who accepted to be part of the executive at our last general meeting.

D'Arcy opens the meeting by greeting all the new members and asks if everyone read the minutes of the general meeting.

* as an amendment to the minutes of the last general meeting we will add Micheline's name to the executive and Sheila Dunkinson has removed her name because of distance and time as she lives in Kingston.

*Sandra moves to accept the minutes of the general meeting and Bev seconds, the motion is carried.

* Rose gives us a financial update:

We have \$3,928.79 in the bank, with a deposit of \$590. to be added to balance and \$800 in outstanding cheques that haven't been redeemed yet.

A cheque for \$590 will be deducted from the \$800. which will bring the numbers closed to a balance.

Adele accepts the financial report, Anita seconds, the motion is carried.

* Rose then explains that the treasurer's position will be very easy for anyone who is organized.

To be a good bookkeeper is to be faithful to the books and keep your entries up to date.

Next on the agenda is to name our new executive from everyone now on the board...

According to the new by-laws the executive can be re-elected every year by the board members.

As Rose is retired and is no longer a board member, she will chair the election.

First for president

Micheline nominates Sandra and Jackie seconds. Sandra accepts to let her name stand.

Anita nominates D'Arcy and Adele seconds. D'Arcy accepts.

Rose asks both nominees what their vision is for Focus Art in the coming year before proceeding.

D'Arcy wants to follow through on the projects already started and keep up our good relations with Cornwall Square.

Sandra also wants to see Focus Art growing through its projects and wants a cohesive executive that will work together.

Pat suggests voting by raising of hands, Jackie seconds

Sandra is voted in as new president of Focus Art

Vice-president Nominations are open with

Sandra nominating Micheline, Jackie seconds and Micheline accepts to let her name stand.

Anita nominates D'Arcy and Anne seconds, D'Arcy accepts

Micheline nominates Jackie and Sandra seconds, Jackie accepts

The vote is done by secret ballot because of the three candidates, Rose counts the votes and

Micheline is voted in as the new vice-president

Now for treasurer

Bev nominates Jackie as treasurer, Pat seconds and Jackie accepts

Sandra nominates Pat, Libby seconds but Pat refuses.

Jackie is now the new treasurer and she will be assisted by Pat who accepts to help

Secretary

Sandra suggests splitting the position:

*one would be the recording secretary of meetings

*the other would do correspondence, by internet and otherwise

This was discussed and the nominations opened

Sandra nominates Adele as recording secretary and Bev seconds, Adele accepts

Anita nominates Tina, Jackie seconds, Tina refuses

Adele is voted in as new secretary
At this time Rose accepts to remain as webmaster

This completes the voting process the remaining directors all accept positions
D'Arcy accepts to be Media director
Tina accepts to be correspondence director
Anne accepts to be social convener, assisted by Anita.
Libby accepts to take care of the 50/50 assisted by Pat who will also care for nametags.

<<<and Libby and Pat say they will make sure that everybody does their assigned jobs and we all agree... hahaha...>>>

The board is complete and everyone has accepted a responsibility. Yeah!!!

Next on the agenda the theme show coming up this weekend...

The art done on the theme of the show will be given top priority. If space is available other works of art will be accepted for exhibition.

Micheline suggests we wear our black t-shirts for the Anniversary Exhibition

New business

Rose asks if we still want T-shirts for the registration at the September meeting. The t-shirts that would be sold for fundraising, will be available in two sizes lg and x-large. Rayco already had the template so the price will be reasonable. Sandra moves that we order 30 of each and Pat seconds the motion. We will look into getting a grant to help defray the cost.

Bev was hoping we could have them for our Anniversary Exhibition but it's too late and we can't sell anything at the Square.

Rose and Jackie discuss the need for three signatures instead of two on cheques to facilitate payment of the bills. This is agreed to so now instead of President/Treasurer it will be President/Treasurer/Vice-president 2 of 3 signatures will be necessary.

Jackie and Sandra in reviewing the bi-laws have found a couple of discrepancies:
item 2-1 doesn't mention photographers as part of the association, Jackie moves that we add photographers to the artists list and Sandra seconds the motion, the correction will be made.
item 5-9 with regards to breaking tie votes. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Announcements

Micheline proposes that we acknowledge and thank Rose and D'Arcy for all their good work this year and for all the energy they brought to Focus Art and the board of executives. They received a well deserved round of applause.

The next general meeting will be on May 5th at the Centre Charles Emile Claude.

The next executive meeting will be held at the Centre Culturelle on Anthony St.

Jackie and Pat have offered to lead a session of Creative drawing exercises for our next general meeting. Members will be asked to bring 5 to 6 paper sheets or a pad of 8x11to draw on and their choice of pencils, conte, charcoal or other medium. It will be an exercise of drawing outside the box to discover our inner selves.

Bev wants to know if there is an interest in a weekend of painting, either workshops or the freedom of plein air at a retreat center. Three places are possibilities, Shalom in Alexandria, one owned by the Grey nuns in Chateauguay Que, or the Bridgewater retreat center in Tweed north of Belleville On. Shalom would be \$100 for 2 nights, 3 days, the center in Chateauguay has a general price of \$60 a night and up, and the one in Tweed at \$150 for 2 nights and 3 days. Depending on the interest, members could be asked to ask a friend. Bev, Libby and Adele will get more information for our next executive meeting. We want to know more about the Who, Where, When, How???

and we will have to decide the date of our planning meeting for next year.

June meeting will be instructions on doing plein air painting by Sandra, Rose, Pat C and Pat F

Sandra moves to close the meeting, seconded by Anita

