



Nourishing the creative spirit in everyone

**Board of Directors Meeting
Monday June 22, 2020 6:00 p.m.
Meeting via Zoom**

AGENDA

Present: Kris Horn, Val Blaha, Holli Wagner, Sally Dallas, Gail Watson, Donna Sires, Mike Santone, Cassie Sollars, Charles Hillestad, Courtney Terry, Adele O'Neal (chair of AHST committee)

Excused: Roman Martinez

Approval of Minutes for previous Meeting

Action: Motion by Sally Dallas: approve 5/26/2020 board meeting minutes; Seconded: Donna Sires.
Vote taken: Motion passes.

Treasurers Report: Financial reports emailed out 6/18/2020 by Treasurer, Cassie Sollars

No discussion.

Action: Motion by Gail Watson to approve financial reports. Seconded: Holli Wagner.

Vote taken: Motion passes.

Program Reports

Education – Courtney

Courtney: Val, Mike, Kris, Courtney on scholarship committee. The winners were pretty clear. 1st Winner – attending UofO for degree in cello performance. 2nd Winner – (also got Marge Johansen award). Studio Artist, attending Willamette University in fall. Both students were from Newberg High School.

Courtney will send info to News Register, Newberg Graphic, and to Sally for the FB page and website.

Membership- Mike

Mike: 2 new members, 1 new, 1 returning

Kris: we had a donor of \$250 toward scholarship fund. Apparently she also donated a couple of years ago. We can add her to membership list. Cassie will send that info to Mike. Kris will send a personal thank you.

Fire Writers - Deb Weiner

Paper Gardens – Deb

Gail: no update

Art Harvest Studio Tour

Adele O'Neal (chair of AHST committee):

AHST committee has been reaching out to AHST artists to get their opinions. 17 people have dropped out. About 19 were committed or maybes, and 12 did not respond. Comments sent to AHST committee. Adele called the committee members today. 3 said to cancel, 1 leaned toward canceling, 2 no decision (said we should do it if enough artists to make it viable, but don't want a bad experience; other said if numbers go up, we shouldn't do it). Drop dead date for catalog: early July (for printing by end of July). Committee is afraid

about what happens if they have to cancel after catalog is printing (how to communicate to public if there are changes). No brochure planned for this year; just the catalog.

AAYC board discussion:

Concerns were brought up re: liability for artists or AHST or AAYC (if AHST was connected to virus cases). Our insurance may cover but it's such new territory. Another concern is if the experience for attendees is not good, that would be unfortunate for the future. Board members expressed concern about the unknowns (of the virus spread, currently and by October). Many events are canceling so people will probably expect/understand it. Concerns shared about holding AHST with very few artists, plus how to get word out if artists cancel after catalog printing. Concerns also about flu season starting in fall, and current issues with people not wearing masks. Some talk about the possibility of an online auction or event, but it might not be feasible given time, resource, personnel constraints. Some financial issues with canceling, including refunding artists' fees and sponsorships. We can offer sponsors a refund or to roll over to 2021.

Action: Motion by Mike Santone: Cancel Art Harvest Studio Tour 2020; Seconded: Charles Hillestad. Vote taken; Motion passes.

Post-vote discussion

Can the Cultural Center still display art from AHST? Does our decision limit AHST from doing something online? Some discussion about it needing to possibly be under a different event name. Questions about whether our insurance is on the line if the Cultural Center displays art. (Cassie will check into this.) There are many options for virtual events, including use of videos already created of artists in their studios. Possible most viable option would be to post artwork/catalog images on the AHST website. Questions about who would help with this (if James and Ashley end their contracts early, etc.) General agreement that the AHST committee should discuss possible online options, and get back to us ASAP with ideas, financial needs, etc.

Old Business:

Discuss if in person meetings are in our immediate future or if we should consider continuing to Zoom

Some people are ok with distanced, outside meetings, but some are not. We'll go month to month with the decision.

New Business:

Charles: The public art committee is going to be seeking artists for new designs on the Bookmobile. Could/should AAYC help publicize? Yes, Charles will alert Steve Rupp.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting via Zoom on July 27.