



*Nourishing the creative spirit in everyone*

**Board of Directors Meeting  
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM  
August 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm**

## **Minutes**

### **Welcome Zoomers!**

**Present:** Val Blaha, Charles Hillestad, Mike Santone (left at 6:30), Kris Horn, Gail Watson, Donna Sires (arrived at 6:33), Deb Weiner

**Excused:** Cassie Sollars, Holli Wagner, Sally Dallas, Courtney Terry

**Absent:** Roman Martinez

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

No quorum, so minutes not approved. Hold July minutes until next month.

### **Reports:**

**Financial Report...** Cassie

Sent reports. No discussion since we didn't have a quorum.

### **Art Harvest Tour 2020 , anything new**

Kris: They are having a AHST live show currently. Everyone should go, or at least check it out online!

### **Paper Gardens & Fire Writers ....** Deb

See discussion/plan for fundraising for next year under New Business.

### **Terroir .. cancelled 2020 event**

Nothing discussed. See brief report submitted by email.

### **Education...**

Kris – we're paying out the scholarships... need to get signed and mailed to colleges.

### **Membership...**

Kris: mystery check from Facebook for \$385. We need to dig to put it toward the correct program. If we don't find out who it's from or any specific program it's earmarked for, we'll decide at the next BOD where to put it. Good news: Spring FB donations ~ \$1000. Encourage friends and program committee members to do FB fundraising for birthdays, or just random! Easy source of funding.

### **New Business:**

#1) Deb-discuss fundraising for 2021 Paper Gardens and saving the program so it does not go away. Can go ahead with PG for 2021 with adapting. Will bring a budget next month for board approval. Funding opportunities are reduced. Applied for a Walmart grant, and may look at other grants. May have to do alternate fundraising, including individual donors or businesses, rather than focusing on just community

organizations. Need ~\$2500 to run the program. Asked how contributions for AAYC work? Can restrict donations specifically for PG. Donations are tax deductible.

Website says "Scholarship and education". How best to channel people to the right avenue to donate for PG? Kris: suggested adding donate button. Deb will work with Sally to add that, with info about the event and photos.

Discussion about donations via Oregon Cultural Trust, and whether donations are deductible on state taxes.

Deb – per OCT website we listed as a designated organization. YCCC (Yamhill Cultural Trust)

Donations to AAYC through OCT, people are eligible for a state tax write-off. Kris will work with Deb to make sure the language is correct on paperwork for donations. Also will work to sit down with Lonnie about a sponsorship. The PG budget primarily money goes for the kids' entries.

Deb: also, they want people to submit contest entries electronically, rather than paper link. Can use PG email to collect. How would adults pay their fee?? Kris- PG would have to work with Sally for that. Or possibly talk with Terroir. Gail: Lisa works with Sally.

Book release party: May 13 2021, Chehalem Cultural Center. Editing coach: Lisa Ohlen Harris;

poetry judge: John Sibley Williams; prose judge: Dionisia Morales; Gail Watson and Resolute Printing will be the press for the Paper Gardens book.

#2) Mike: fund raising idea for student education projects .

Using money from poetry book (80 pages, with donated art) (Poetry on Demand) for AAYC education grants, and maybe could give some money to Paper Gardens. Charles suggested that they could do the Poetry on Demand on Third St during the weekends. The group has talked about that idea.

**Old Business:**

(none)

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Monday September 28 at 6pm, on Zoom.