



Nourishing the creative spirit in everyone

**Board of Directors Meeting
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM
May 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm**

Draft Minutes

Welcome

Present: Sally Dallas, Charles Hillestad, Donna Sires, Kris Horn, Gail Watson, Holli Wagner, Val Blaha, Stephanie Sherman, Cassie Sollars

Excused: Courtney Terry

Approval of Previous Minutes (April minutes)

Action: Motion by Sally Dallas to approve minutes.

Seconded: Holli Wagner. **Vote taken:** Motion passes.

Reports:

Financial Report: Cassie – Written

Not much activity. Got \$500 from Sunrise Rotary, and another new membership, as well as a matching grant from Verizon/Holli. Should be in account by the end of May. Kris asked about memberships. Most comes in at end of year. Nearly 2100 membership donations during 2021. Holli – wants to figure out a way to keep track of membership/donations. Cassie – wants to update spreadsheet, including donors' addresses. Holli: ideally this would go through the website, at least the majority of them, making the data easier to capture. Cassie has envelopes to give Membership committee, but also can give Holli and updated list. Kris sent out thank you cards.

Paper Gardens: Deb – Written

Written report submitted. Gail attended the celebration. The report includes the YouTube link to watch it. Holli will make a FB announcement about where to get the book (Third St Books, Cultural Center), etc., as well as a link to YouTube celebration video. Gail will send Holli a graphic file for the social media posts. Holli asked board members to share the AAYC posts.

Membership-Communication: Holli

Holli – talked with Toni from Pampered Chef, which is doing a non-profit program. When host sets up specific page, Pampered Chef donates 10% of the proceeds. Discussion: Several board members expressed concerns about whether this is a good idea. Concerns include this opening the door to other similar organizations (where do we draw the line), conflicting with other local businesses, some question of them having a history of not support women's rights. Chuck brought up grant writing as better source for funding (hire Carrie Martin or someone similar?) Kris has talked with her about that, but our budget is very low, and might not work for grants. Holli would like to see us have a discussion about this at our retreat. Chuck: thinks we should pursue some, even if small, because having a starting track record will help with getting more. Holli is attending an event on state and local block grants for the arts on Wednesday. Kris: the organization needs energy and time to support the grants. Chuck: some grants cover multiple years. Also, if we can partner with other organizations, that would even be better. Gets back to question of who/what AAYC is as an organization. Kris: need to be strategic – most/all of the AAYC programs seek grants, under the AAYC umbrella, and we need to make sure there's not competition between the programs. Need coordination. Cassie: more orgs under our

umbrella gets more complicated. It's doable, but complicated. Holli: need to keep track of how this all works within the organization. Could also have a conversation about what we use grants for (staff, website, etc.), or programs, etc.

Holli – MCM's Ian Paolo passed away earlier this year. He donated some of his estate to MCM and they want to donate \$500 to AAYC, specifically related to media studies and our scholarship program, with his name on it. Asked if one of their board members could participate in the review of the applicants. Kris: we seldom get many film-related applicants, but we could focus on a specific/new grant for this. Holli: we don't currently offer scholarships to college students, but maybe this could. Kris: we did that because we focused on areas of need, which primarily was at the public schools. Holli: could have a discussion about who the audience is for our grants. Holli: will clarify with her contact that this would be for a student scholarship. Val pulled up the email Holli shared from Caroline, and it says “We discussed making a \$500.00 donation toward the AAYC educational scholarship program. MMCM board members are interested in assisting on the AAYC committee processing the scholarship applications, and I confirmed I would contact AAYC to find out details of donation/earmark protocols.” Holli will also clarify the timeline.

Education: Courtney

Kris: Courtney (couldn't be here tonight) emailed Val and Kris her report. We only received 3 scholarship applications total. First one was not someone with an intent to study the arts. The other 2 are both from McMinnville. One is studying music composition, and the other is studying art and illustration. Both had solid academics and had invested a lot of time and energy in their field. They both seem super solid, so we'll award the scholarships to them.

New Business:

1) Fundraising proposal: Pampered Chef party (see discussion above)

2) Proposal for Ian Paolo Memorial Donation (see discussion above)

3) Proposal regarding the Treasurer position for 2022 - Cassie Written attached for your review

Cassie- dropping back from all extra-curriculars, but keeping on with Art Harvest. If we can find an arrangement for her to keep doing the books, but not be Treasurer. 2 options: 1) appoint Cassie as book keeper (volunteer) and meet with Treasurer. Or 2) make Treasurer an appointed position and she could keep doing the books (volunteer). She's also talking with James about her role with Art Harvest. We don't need to amend the by-laws. The book keeping and budgeting for AHST is much more work than the general AAYC book keeping and budgeting. Val: clarified that this applies for both AAYC and AHST. Also clarified the time frame (She'll stay on till Feb 2022) Steph: clarified how long she's been doing books. Cassie: past 4 years, also in the 90's. Chuck: does she have anyone to suggest as a board member, with some of the same skill set? Cassie does know some CPAs, etc. Should have some knowledge of accounting principles. Cassie's the liaison with the CPA who does our 990 form, etc. Holli thought of someone to ask. Steph: clarified program (Quick books/Desktop). Chuck: Mike Santone suggested John Mead for the board. Kris: need to be strategic and thoughtful about how we approach new board members. Some further discussion about this. Board members don't necessarily need to be artists. No decision made.

4) Kris: is it time to get back to in person meetings. Donna – can't come in person. Val: would be good to let some board members Zoom in. Donna – would be good to have a multi-directional mic (can get one for \$15-\$20 on Amazon) Chuck brought up some concerns re: vaccine effectiveness and variants. Val suggested waiting till July so we can make a plan, look at getting a mic, etc. Plan is to meet on Zoom for June, and revisit.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting Monday June 28, 6pm, Zoom.