Waterway Art Association
General Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2023

**Call to Order**

President Bonnie McIver called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

**Welcome** - Bonnie

Bonnie welcomed everyone to the meeting. New member, Marti DeCoste, introduced herself to the group.

**Reading of the Minutes**

Motion to waive reading of the minutes. Seconded

**Treasurer's Report** - Janet Payeski

As of the end of January we have a net income of $8000 (rounded). Forecast spending is $8700, $700 shortfall. We currently have $24,000 in our bank accounts. Copies of financial statements and bank account balances are available.
Membership - total of 73, 14 are new members.

**Workshops** - Brenda Riggins

Vicky's class, Funky Flowers is tomorrow. Another class is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 23. We need sign ups for Janice Castiglione's class, April 19-21. She will bring in items for still lifes. She is teaching in watercolor, but any medium can be used. The workshop is 3 days. There will be no Paint-In on Wednesday, April 19. Also we need someone to do a demo for March 1.

**Art Show** - Nancy Miller

Posters are available to hang in community clubhouses. Prospectus, registration form and work labels are also available on the front table. Please donate a 5x7 for the scholarship raffle . They can be handed in at any time and placed in the box on the front table.
March 29 - registration deadline
April 22 - drop off art work at Sunset River Gallery, 10:30 am-noon
April 24-29 - Art Show runs 11 am-5 pm each day
April 28 - Awards Reception
We need sponsors for the art show. Paperwork is available on the front table.
Discussion of Art Work eligibility - Any work done in a workshop, instructor assisted, verbal and hands-on, is not eligible.
Discussion of Acrylic Pour - Is it valid as art or is it a craft? Some members spoke up in defense of acrylic pour as a valid art piece. One member described it as an abstract creative contemporary approach. A suggestion was made that a committee for next year be established to address what is accepted into the annual art show.

**Nominations** - Clare Pazona

President - Bonnie McIver

Vice President - Nancy Miller

Secretary -

Treasurer -

Nominations must be in by the April board meeting. We need volunteers for the board positions and for the committees. New members are encouraged to participate.
Current candidates are Bonnie McIver for president and Nancy Miller for vice president.
Nominating committee is Barbara McCumber, Janet Payeski, Judi Moore, Vic Guarino and Clare Pazona.

**Grants Update** - Bonnie McIver

The board is currently discussing how to spend the money from the American Rescue Plan. It is earmarked for marketing and the board is discussing the best way to help WAA.
Two new grants - Brunswick Electric grant and Focus Broadband Grant, ( money for educational equipment.) Bill Chase is working on the Focus grant.

**Brunswick Arts Council**

Art in the Park - March 29, 10am-noon, Southwest Brunswick Library
Participate in reading and art with children of the community and their families. A sign up list is available.

**Tee Shirts**

Need a minimum of 24 to order the shirts. Women shirts are $20 and men shirts are $22.

Aprons are still available for purchase for $25.

**Art exhibits in the area**

Brookgreen Gardens in SC - Forty six Rodin sculptures through April 23

Mint Museum in Charlotte - Picasso landscapes

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am. Motion and seconded

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Buck
WAA Secretary