

Meeting Minutes
Yakima Valley Artists Association
August 18, 2020

Because of the Covid-19 restrictions, this meeting was held outside at the home of Linda and Larry Kirkpatrick in West Valley.

Present at this meeting were the following YVAA members:

Jack Cannon
Kate Bowditch
Mary Jepsen
Kris Knight
Linda Kirkpatrick

Karan Batterton
Pam Searcy
Mike Mullen
Lynn Maiocco

OLD BUSINESS

Decision to dissolve business and reorganize as a club and/or association

To meet the requirements of the association by-laws and pursuant to past discussions about this decision, it was determined that a quorum was present and a vote was taken to dissolve Yakima Valley Artists Association as a business entity and continue as a club/association. Mary Jepsen worked hard to ensure that proper procedures were followed and Jack Cannon, as President of YVAA was present to sign the necessary paperwork. Our association/club will now continue without the burden of tax preparation, reports to State and Federal agencies, etc. We look forward to continuing our association as a group of like-minded artists who love to create! Thank you to Mary Jepsen for all your hard work!

Election of New Officers and Collection of Dues

Because our membership has been affected so acutely by Covid-19 restrictions, especially the loss of meeting space at the Harman Center, few individuals have stepped forward to assume the duties of officers for our club. The current officers have agreed to continue in their positions until such time that things return to a more normal situation. Of course, we would love to see any of you step forward and volunteer to serve in any of these positions: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Secretary. Any of the current officers would be glad to speak with you about the duties of each position.

Likewise, we have not had the opportunity to collect dues. Several association members need to pay dues for a second year. Dues are necessary to keep the club going for several reasons: advertising, website, post office box, rental fees (when Harman Center reopens), etc. To simplify the way dues are collected and because artists became members at different times of the year, dues will be prorated for the rest of the year at a rate of \$2/month. In 2021, we will begin collecting dues in January for the whole year so that the whole membership pays at the same time. You can expect

to receive notice from our Treasurer, Mary Jepsen, about your dues. Please help us and send in what you owe for 2020.

Website Access and Advantages

Thanks once again to Mike Mullen who is now administering the Go-Daddy website for our club. Mike explained to us the advantages of upgrading our current free website which limits the content on the internet. With an upgraded version, we can have upgraded website design, search engine optimization, multiple pages allowing us to include artists' bios, exhibit work, etc. An upgraded website at Go-Daddy will cost the club \$15/month. A motion was made and seconded to upgrade to the enhanced site. After a year, we will re-evaluate the advantages.

NEW BUSINESS

West Valley Art Fest

Linda and Larry Kirkpatrick have offered to host a YVAA Art Fest on the weekend of September 18, 19, & 20 outside at their home in West Valley. They have plenty of room for safe social distancing and plenty of room for booths to be set up for artists wishing to demonstrate and sell their work (donation of \$20 suggested). Any artist wishing to participate is encouraged to call Linda at (509) 961-3131. Anyone willing to distribute flyers to advertise the Art Fest can give me (Lynn Maiocco) a call at (509) 426-0074 or send me an E-mail at yakimavalleyartists@gmail.com. A flyer will also be available on the website at yakimavalleyartists.com. On the website you will also find suggestions about what you need to set up a booth at the Kirkpatricks. Tell all your friends and family about the Art Fest!

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Maiocco/recording secretary