



Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 15, 2022

Our meeting was called to order by Kate Bowditch who expressed gratitude to the West Valley Library for hosting us due the closing of the Harman Center. In attendance were:

Larry Ehrhardt
Ann Garman
Meldra Driscoll
Pamela Mullen
Lorene Morris
Jack Cannon
Linda Kirkpatrick
Kris Knight
Susan Murietta
AnaLi Gresham
Thia Spearing
Rosalyn McWatters
Lou Toweill

Slice of Art: Meldra Driscoll gave an explanation of Slice of Art. This is a plein air twice-monthly (in the summer) event for all creatives. A \$5 donation per is collected and donated to YVAA. August 18 is a daiquiri event at Luci Stevens' house, 5:30-8. Bring an appetizer to share. August 30 is up at Gallery One in Ellensburg from 1-5. Carpooling is encouraged.

Treasurer Mary Jepsen reported \$1119.99 in the coffers. Tickets for Labor Day Artist Studio Tour are going well.

Secretary Rosalyn McWatters reminded the group about the Collage Collective meeting Saturday, August 20, 1-3 pm at the Old Larson Gallery.

Hospitality Report: Linda Kirkpatrick is still in need of volunteers for 12-6 during the Fair, upstairs at the Ag. Building. In return, volunteers get a free ticket to the Fair and for parking. Volunteers have merely to watch the fairgoers and can create during that time. Members were also encouraged to enter a piece themselves. Entry fee is \$13 but the deadline is soon.

Social Media Report: AnaLi Gresham told the group that our Instagram group has 147 members.

Election for President: Kate Bowditch asked for a show of hands as to who were relatively new to the YVAA. A goodly number of members present just

joined within the last 18 months. Kate gave a **brief history** of the association including our two huge challenges: losing former President Jack Cannon's leadership due to illness, and of course the Covid crisis. In spite of these great obstacles, the YVAA continued to meet on Zoom and even a couple of times on Linda's lawn. It was decided at about that time to discontinue the 5013C non-profit designation. The membership expressed the greater need for artistic support, fun, and community. Kate continued to play the role of Acting President. Elections were not implemented since no one else would accept a nomination for Board member. However, with gratitude and humility Kate is now stepping down and we will have elections in September for President and Vice President.

With that, Kate opened it up to nominations. Both **Meldra Driscoll** and **Jack Cannon** were nominated for President and they both accepted. It was suggested that nominees write up a short statement regarding their ideas for leading the YVAA. YVAA Secretary will forward to the membership.

Nominations for President are being held open through September 11. If anyone wants to nominate themselves or anyone else, please contact Rosalyn.

Membership Roster: Kate shared her belief that the membership roster should be in the hands of the Secretary and the Treasurer alone and not available upon request. Discussion followed and consensus was that the roster information should remain confidential.

Virtual Show: Fall Feasts and Festivals will run from September 21 through November 25. Have PDF of your entry to Mike Mullen no later than September 14.

Our next virtual show, **Life in Central Washington**, will dovetail with our February 2023 group show in Moses Lake.

October 22 at the Harman Center: pre-holiday sale for members. Info to follow.

Labor Day Artist Studio Tour: Pamela Searcy reported that 3000 postcards will go out soon. Advertising is all set. She urged members to advertise the event on their own social media.

Demonstrations: All members are encouraged to share their skills at a future meeting. Ideas for future demos might be writing an artist bio or navigating social media for your art.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 pm.