

Yakima Valley Artists Association
General Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2023

5:45 p.m. – Social Time

6:00 p.m. – Presentation: David Lynx, Director of the Larson Gallery – “The Interaction of Color” based on David Albers’ interaction of color method and using silk screened color card decks.

6:45 p.m. – Business Meeting

President Meldra Driscoll called the meeting to order and thanked Geri Ham and Sheila Phelps for the refreshments. Membership and Hospitality Committee Chair Jack Cannon welcomed those attending.

PRESENTATION:

Kris Knight introduced the guest speaker, David Lynx. David reminded members that the Central Washington Artist Exhibition at Larson Gallery is coming up. Submission Deadline is September 23 with Opening Reception November 4th and Exhibition open until December 9th. He presented Josef Albers silk screen prints as a way of demonstrating the interaction of colors and distributed color cards in order for members to explore the way adjacent colors interact with one another to produce pleasing or unpleasant responses in the observer.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Board and Members Present: Meldra Driscoll, president; Kate Bowditch, vice-president; Kathy Birdwell, treasurer; and Board Members Kris Knight and Jack Cannon; Members: Cindy Frudd, Rosalyn McWatters, Debby Standard, Sheila Phelps, Geri Ham, Stephen Stokesberry, Jaheda Shirzad, Cheryl Bush, Pamela Searcy and Mike Mullen.

Secretary Report: There was no report as Mary Jepsen was not present.

Treasury Report: Kathy Birdwell reported that expenses for May and June 2023 were: Food for the Oak Hollow Reception event (\$94.35), two (2) gift cards at \$50 each plus fee (\$109.90), alter flowers to St. Timothy Church (\$36.80), supplies (a receipt book and thank-you cards) (\$27.02), presentation materials reimbursement (\$45.66), and club website fees to Go Daddy for January through June (\$174.07). Income for the same period was membership dues of \$177.00 and the stipend from the Central Washington Fair of \$200.00 for the bench painting. Current Balance is \$1,434.82. Copies of the report were made available to all members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Meldra announced that the committees are currently being re-organized and defined by the Board and will be presented in the near future for those interested in working on the committees.

Tour of Studios Committee: Pamela Searcy gave information about the tickets and promotion materials now available for the Labor Day tour of studios and that tickets can be obtained from Treasurer Kathy Birdwell beginning immediately after the meeting.

Live Shows Committee: No report provided.

Virtual Show: It was announced that the next virtual show, entitled, “Something Fishy,” requires all entries from members to be sent to Mike Mullen by Sept. 19. The final virtual show this year, “A Piece of Work,” will require entries to be sent to Mike by Dec. 19.

Fresh Air Committee: No report provided.

Presentation Committee:

Kris Knight reported that there has been a change to the planned presentation for August – Autumn Britt will present information regarding showing at this year’s Central Washington Fair and will share information about preparing work for the show and how to be involved. In October, AnaLi Gresham will present paper making and sculpture.

Membership & Hospitality Committee: Jack Cannon asked for members to sign up for tending to the Fine Art show at this year’s Central Washington Fair. Since 2019 our group has manned a booth in the Fine Arts building to greet those who have come to view the artwork, to encourage visitors to vote for the “Peoples’ Choice Award” there, and to learn about YVAA. There was a sign-up sheet provided. Meldra announced that a second bench painting day at the Central Washington Fair will be held July 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Social Media & Website Committee: No report provided.

By-Laws Committee:

Meldra announced that Mary Jepsen will be heading up the Bylaws Committee and that Stephen Stokesberry and Sheila Phelps will also be serving. She asked that anyone else interested in serving on that committee should contact her as we need two more members on that committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

None brought forward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Calendar of Events: Kathy directed those present to a YVAA Calendar of Events and to sign an accompanying sheet if they wanted the calendar emailed to them.

Recent Loss: Kate announced the passing of Anna Garman on July 3, 2023, an excellent artist, a former YVAA member, and someone who enjoyed sharing cookies at Harman Center painting classes. Especially for those who painted with her at the Harman Center, she will be greatly missed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Without further business, Meldra adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Report submitted by:
Kate Birdwell, Treasurer