

Yakima Valley Artists Association
General Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2023

5:45 p.m. – Social Time

6:00 p.m. – Presentation: Pamela Searcy, “Introduction to Bronze Sculpture”

6:30 p.m. – Preview of Virtual Show, “Something Fishy,” by Mike Mullen

6:45 p.m. – Business Meeting

BUSINESS MEETING:

Board members present: Meldra Driscoll, president; Kate Bowditch, vice president; Kathy Birdwell, treasurer; Mary Jepsen, secretary; board members Jack Cannon and Kris Knight. Absent: Linda Kirkpatrick.

Meldra called the meeting to order and thanked Debby Stanard for providing refreshments.

Treasury Report: Beginning balance for August was \$1,741.25. Ending balance was \$2,517.00. Total income for the month was \$1,062.00 and total expenses were \$286.25. Mary moved and Cathy Reed seconded a motion to accept the report as presented for audit. The motion carried.

Secretary Report: Mary reported that the general meeting minutes are typed up, proof-read by the Board members and, after corrections, sent to Mike Mullen to be posted on the YVAA website. Stephen Stokesberry moved and Kate Bowditch seconded a motion to continue this practice rather than to provide the minutes at the next month’s meeting. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Meldra urged members to sign up to participate in any of the committees.

Membership & Hospitality Committee: Jack requested that all members interested in working at the fair’s fine arts department to sign a sheet that would be passed around. He added that free entry tickets would be available for those working at the fair and he would look into free parking, as well.

Presentation Committee: Kris Knight thanked Pamela for her presentation on creating bronze sculpture and stated that AnaLi Gresham would be providing a session on paper making in October. A potluck would replace the presentation in November.

Tour of Studios Committee: Kathy Birdwell reported that the Tour of Studios show went well and those who participated were asked to attend a meeting Sept. 19 at 1 p.m. at the Harman Center to discuss how the event went and what suggestions would be made for 2024

By-Laws Committee: Mary Jepsen reported that the committee met once in the past month and was planning another meeting within a week to continue updating the by-laws to fit the current club. Committee members include Stephen Stokesberry, Sheila Phelps, Kate Bowditch and Mary. Susan Hahn has volunteered to look over the by-laws and make suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Collaboration with Yakima Coffeehouse Poets: Doug Lewis discussed the reading held Sept. 13 by the Yakima Coffeehouse Poets at the Larson Gallery and urged more YVAA members to attend the readings held the second Wednesday of each month except November, this year, which will be the

third Wednesday of the month. He suggested that YVAA members listening to poetry read by YCP could request that the poetry be sent to them so that artists have the opportunity to study the poetry in order to create the works of art inspired by the poetry. YCP is currently organizing poems to publish and has asked Darcie Roberts to create the cover of the booklet. He suggested that members of the YCP be invited to attend YVAA meetings so that they may see artwork that inspires the writing of poetry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fresh Air Committee: Kate Bowditch introduced herself and spoke about the Fresh Air Committee and it's plans. She requested all members interested in plein air art to contact her in order to plan a few events yet this Fall.

Potluck in November: Meldra announced that November's YVAA meeting will be moved to the second Monday of the month and a potluck be planned. She stated more information will be provided at the October meeting and by email when it becomes available.

Attendance Sheet: Those present were reminded to sign the attendance sheet.

ADJOURNMENT:

Without further business, Meldra adjourned the meeting at 7:40.

Report submitted by:
Mary S. Jepsen, Secretary