

# **Yakima Valley Artists Association**

## **General Meeting Minutes**

**May 13, 2024 – Harman Center**

5:30 p.m. – Social Time

6:00 p.m. – Welcome, thank-you to Sheila Phelps, Hilde Hibdon, and Susan Murrietta, who brought refreshments.

6:10 p.m. – Presentation: Greg Haste, Selah High School Art Instructor; Abstract Art

6:45 p.m. – Business Meeting

### **BUSINESS MEETING:**

Board members present: Kate Bowditch, vice-president; Mary Jepsen, secretary; Kathy Birdwell, treasurer; Board Members Jack Cannon, Kris Knight, Gary Hughes, and Stephen Stokesberry. Absent was Meldra Driscoll.

Kate called the meeting to order and thanked Greg for the presentation that challenged members to approach inspiration through various angles of reality. Kate and Jack encouraged visitors to stand and introduce themselves, of which there were seven people. Jack thanked Gary Hughes for his work in setting up the sound system for the presentation and meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy announced that the report for the month of April was on the entrance table for those wishing to look it over.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Presentations Committee:**

Kris reported that, to date, there is no information to provide regarding the presentations for the June and July meeting. AnaLi Gresham will provide instruction on wood-burning art outside of the building in August. Those interested in providing topics or presentations are encouraged to contact Kris or Kathy Birdwell.

#### **Fresh Air Committee:**

Kate stated the May plein air event will be held at Johnson's Orchard on Summitview on Thursday, May 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All members are welcome to join the group of outside artists.

#### **Live Shows Committee:**

Lyn Lewis explained the collaboration between poets and artists for the "Inspired! The Art of Poetry" Show to open at the Larson Gallery on Jan. 11, 2025. After a discussion from Kate and Lyn about awards to be presented at the show, the membership voted in favor of having YVAA provide a \$250 award at the reception for the show. The name of the award and its purpose was tabled, to be brought up at a later meeting.

#### **Nominating Committee:**

Lyn, a member of the Nominating Committee, spoke about the need for members to step forward and to run for the Board positions in July. After an explanation of the Board's recommendation to split the secretarial duties and to add an assistant for the Treasurer, the membership voted in favor of the by-

law changes to include six officers and two board members-at-large. Prior to the meeting, all members received the current by-laws with the proposed changes for members to read before the meeting and come prepared to vote. Lyn presented the slate for election as it currently stands: Larry Duren, president; Autumn Britt, vice-president; Kathy Birdwell, treasurer; Stephen Stokesberry, assistant treasurer; Gary Hughes and Jack Cannon, board members-at-large. Lyn explained that nominations may be made from the floor at the June meeting and opportunity will be available for write-in candidates on the ballot when voting in July.

#### **Tour of Studios:**

Stephen spoke to the membership, telling them the YVAA Studio for the Tour of Studios would be held at his home. In lieu of \$250 to be paid to Pamela Searcy for advertising costs, YVAA will help Pamela with publicity of the event. Those participating in the Tour of Studios through YVAA are encouraged to assist with the publicity and the sale of tickets. Because several of those already signed up to participate in the YVAA Studio are sharing their booth, there is room for additional members interested in participating. He encouraged members who are still interested in participating to add their names to the sign-up sheet.

#### **ON-GOING BUSINESS:**

No on-going business was presented.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business was presented.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Davis High School Art Show:** Kathy reminded members of the upcoming Davis High School Art Show starting May 21 and running through May 30, omitting weekends. The reception will be held May 21 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the student kiva on the school's campus. Carole Huls is the Davis High School art teacher.

**Larson Gallery Art Market Fair:** Kate announced that the Larson Gallery Fair will be held May 18 at the Rotary Pavilion downtown Yakima.

**June Fest:** Those interested in participating in the June Fest at the Chalet Mall may access a newly written application on the event's website. The show will be held June 8.

**Further Announcements:** Kate told members that further announcements will continue to be provided through group emails to YVAA members. Those who are not receiving the emails from YVAA are to contact Mary Jepsen ([jepsenm@charter.net](mailto:jepsenm@charter.net)).

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Without further business, Kate adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Mary S. Jepsen, Secretary