

VACA Advisory Board Meeting - Minutes
 Thursday, March 26, 2026, 4 PM, Art Room

President: Parthenia M Hicks – Called meeting to order at: 4 pm

Board Members Roll call:

Parthenia M Hicks – President	Present	Absent
Claudia Welch – Vice President	Present	Absent
Suzanne Ferris – Treasurer/Volunteer Coordinator	Present	Absent
Stephanie Torres – Secretary	Present	Absent
Diane Finley – Ceramics Room	Present	Absent
Michael Sunzeri – Programs/Exhibits	Present	Absent
Pat Remington	Present	Absent
Mandy Book – Class Schedulers	Present	Absent
Colleen Mirassou – New Members Greeter	Present	Absent
Greg Cheung – Historian	Present	Absent
Marion Rose – Art Films	Present	Absent

1. REPORTING:

1a. Secretary: Stephanie Torres - Approval of Feb 26, 2026 Minutes

Approval motion made by _____ Mandy____; seconded by ____ Claudia ____

Approval vote – Ayes 8 Nays 0 Report approved

1b. Treasurer: Suzanne Ferris - Until Replacement

Total fund balance 3/1/26:	\$20,936.13 (Bank balance)
For the month March 2026:	
Total income:	\$ 319.00
Expenses:	\$ 840.57
Net income (loss):	\$ -521.57

YTD 2026 Financial Report:

Total fund balance as of 1/1/26	\$20,171.69
Total income YTD 2026	\$ 2,970.00
Total expenses YTD 2025	\$ 2,542.98
Ending fund balance 03/24/26	\$21,055.13

Approval motion made by _____ Stephanie ____; seconded by _____ Marion _____

Approval vote – Ayes 8 Nays _____ Report approved Y Not approved _____

Discussion: Suzanne: Parthenia needs to be Executive co-signer on Checking Account –
Example: our current Treasurer cannot write refund to self, etc.

Approval motion made by _____ Marion _____; seconded by _____ Mandy _____

Approval vote – Ayes 8 Nays _____ Report approved _____ Y__ Not approved _____

1c. Vice President, Membership: Claudia Welch – Membership update:

~New members for Feb/March 2026: 0

~From 281 to **264 current members**, updated March 26 (Drop-out rate comparable year to year)

~Marion received 2 new applications from the Art film & will continue to invite people to join at films

2. OLD BUSINESS

2a. Art Room Sink Follow-up – **Sink repaired**

2b. Villager/Mini Villager: **Double-check for Prompt & Correct Postings** to be mostly events – keep an eye out for any corrections

2c. Treasurer Position: **Still Open**

3. NEW BUSINESS

3a. New Website – Diane

Discussion: Initial Review of New Website: Consensus: clear, easy to navigate, beautiful

~Diane has had others review content

~Home Page: Mission, Join, Pay Dues online

~Greg reviewed on iPhone

~Full calendar created by Mandy

~Exhibits and Programs ~Exhibit every 3 months – Demo every month

~Pat and Mandy promote classes; use Pat's email for sign-ups

~Non computer users that want to sign up for classes will stay with current Villager & other media

~Rotate home page artwork

~Claudia: include member artwork; Greg: Member Gallery (name)

~Change publications from .org to .com (new address) .org (previous address) ends May 2026

~Membership Meeting on 4.6 Diane will show new website to membership and hand out new business cards if we can get them printed on time

~Any further changes or additions, please contact Diane

3b. **May 30 Villages Club & Committee Expo 10** – 1 Cribari Center (Set-up 8:30 am)

~**Apply to attend**; Parthenia will register for us & request permission to use our banner

~**Need 2 people at table**: Colleen who will also invite Amari

Approval motion made by _____ Marion____; seconded by _____ Suzanne_____

Approval vote – Ayes 8 Nays _____ Report approved Y Not approved _____

3c. Barbara Gottesman Update – Parthenia & Claudia

~**Barbara: Make Emeritus Member** – pay her dues and any classes permanently

~**Consider a plaque in the room** to honor her years of service and dedication to the organization

~**Michael suggested putting the founding year and as a founding member**

~**Claudia will ask Barbara if she’s okay if we put an article in the paper**

~**Stephanie will look into a plaque** – she’ll bring 3 suggestions; check with Michael for content

Approval motion made by _____; seconded by _____

Approval vote – Ayes 8 Nays _____ Report approved Y Not approved _____

4. STATUS UPDATE/PROGRAMS, CLASSES AND EVENTS

4a. Exhibits and Programs Coordinator: Michael Sunzeri

Next Artist Demo & Member Meeting:

~Guest Artist: Kalpana Adesara, Henna Demo, April 6, 2026, 1:45-3:00

~**Artist will request 3 volunteers**

~**Following day, 4/7 Exhibit Linda Liebel: Neurographics**

~ Business Meeting Agenda 4/6:

~**Website Presentation: Diane**

~**Everything You’ve Always Wanted to Know About Art...**Amari update

~**Sandwich Board Art Contest: Mandy**

4b. Ceramics: Diane Finley

~**Art in the Park: April 18 ~Ceramics**

4c. Art Classes Coordinator: Mandy

~**Moving away from checks to paying for classes online** or pay teacher at time of first class

~**If you’re not a member, classes are \$10 more for class.** This isn’t a membership fee.

~**Request sandwich board sign to show that classes are in session; same for open studio**

Pat & Mandy request budget of \$100; approved

~**Invite membership to design the graphics for a sign (competition)**

~Win a free class of your choice – Mandy will announce at 4/6 meeting

~Give a tight deadline

~Take sandwich board to meeting for size

Discussion: Parthenia/Pat: Classes have precedence over open studio hours. Pat will include this info when setting up Open Studio with teachers so there won't be any misunderstandings.

~Upcoming Classes and Events:

April Classes

- ~Printing without a Press Tuesday 1-3:30 March 24, 31 April 7, 14 / Pat
- ~ Mother Nature Tree Painting Tues 5-7pm April 21 / Nicole
- ~Spring Sunrise Mountain Painting Tues 5-7pm May 19/ Nicole
- ~ How to Draw Flowers Fri April 17,24 & May 1/ Greg
- ~Card Making Fri 3 – 5 April 10 /Debbie & Elizabeth
- ~ Watercolors Plus Mixed Media Wed. 10- 12 thru April 1/Doug

April Open Studio

- ~ Paper Craft 1st & 3rd Thurs/ Mandy
- ~ Mon & Fri 10 – 12/ Taf
- ~Sat 10 – 12/ Doug
- ~Sun 11-1/ Swati

4d. Volunteer Coordinator: Suzanne

~Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Art... Update

- ~New date: June 6th: time for planning & marketing
- ~Location dependent upon # of teacher/artist sign-ups & their needs
- ~Invite Teachers/Artists: include artist reception
- ~Currently 14 village artists/teachers plus 8 additional artists outside of village
- ~Potential: if not enough Village teachers, invite outside teachers
- ~Ceramics – oils – watercolors – jewelry making - assemblage – Art Film
- ~No Selling; demonstration/connection/teaching/"how-to"/
- ~Emphasize art vocabulary
- ~Maybe include practice for interested residents (try this now)
- ~Suzanne: will have VACA Volunteer invitation table
- ~Timeline: Committee will create

4e. Art Films: Marion Rose

~**March Event:** Edward Hopper. Door prize: Edward Hopper calendar

- ~**Wifi kept going out** – who to call if it keeps happening – when is Wifi upgrade in conference room?
- ~**Alternative to Popcorn** – buy from business Costco: popcorn or chips; keep in storage in art room
- ~**Next Event:** Date & Artist: 4/28 two hour-long films: documentaries of Art of Japanese Art

4f. Historian: Welcome Greg Cheung

~**Greg will bring binder to 4/6 meeting**

4g. New Members Greeter: Colleen Mirassou nothing new. Will participate in May Expo

5. NEXT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING: April 30, 2026

Meeting of March 26, 2026 Adjourned at _____ 5:20 _ by President Parthenia M Hicks