

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 15, 4:00 pm

Board members present: Gayle Asher, Del-Bourree Bach, Roger Clements, Jay Berryman, Lisa DeFilippo, Donna Gilberto, Sarah Lucas, Jack Montmeat, Emily Reynolds, Steven Ross, Kathy Simmons.

Board members absent: John Beatty, David Moore, Debbi Goodman, Kim Sapia, Michael Moses.

Staff: Gary Parrington, Jocelyn Zallinger, Laurie Pavlos.

Guest: Judith Chapman

Call to Order: Kathy convened the meeting at 4:05. Board members and staff introduced themselves to Judith.

Minutes Review & Approval: The February minutes were approved on a motion by Carrie, seconded by Sarah, with one correction Jocelyn did not attend the meeting with Todd Yokl.

Bylaws Committee Status: Kathy moved this report to the end of the agenda to give Judith and the Board as much time as needed for her report and discussion.

Treasurer's Report: Financial statements were not available for the meeting. Steve reported that overall things are going well. There is \$26,000 in the operating account, \$2,500 in the credit card account and the Capital Campaign has a \$202,500 balance.

Gallery Report: Jocelyn reported that the Associate Artist show sold 22 paintings compared to 5 in last year's show. Pulled and Pressed sold four pieces.

APEC Report: Jocelyn reported that the ASMA is invited to show in the Goodman Gallery during the New England Landscape show. APEC has approved the arrangement for the LAA to receive a 40% commission and \$25 per entry.

Claudia Post, Del and Jocelyn will visit the Salmagundi Club in New York City to discuss a possible collaboration.

Development: Second Century Committee Report: Carrie met with Reno Megano our new representative at Centerbrook Architects, for assistance preparing an RFP for replacing the shingles and millwork. There are seven Board members left to give or pledge to the Campaign. **Annual Fund:** Gary identified the three projects for the spring fund drive: lighting the rear parking lot; sound system for the gallery; and wetlands cleanup. **Palate to Palette:** Emily announced the March 29th 2 PM kick off meeting for volunteers. Board members are asked to give Emily recommendations for potential sponsors. Artists will be invited again to donate a painting for the silent auction.

Building and Grounds Report: Gary reported that the foot bridge repairs have been completed. A \$2,500 proposal from Wilcox Tree to remove dead trees and prune other trees along the west side of our property was approved on a motion by Steve, seconded by Jack.

Education and Activities Committee Report: Laurie reported that studio use for classes has picked up, and a couple additional classes are scheduled to begin. Workshops are scheduled with Don Demers and Tatiana Yanovskaya-Sink. The Steven Assael workshop is full. The April 8th Art Supply Expo has sold all available space for vendors. Promoting the event is now the big challenge. A postcard is planned.

Other Business: None

Bylaws Committee Status: Judith reported that the Bylaw Committee is reviewing the bylaws, and discussing ways to restore Elected Artists benefits, such as guaranteed entry in all shows. Lively discussion ensued at which time several Board members made their case for expanding voting rights to other classes of members. Everyone thanked Judith for her time and service on this committee. Judith invited Board members to attend their next meeting.

Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn was made at 6:00 PM by Steve, seconded by Jay. All were in favor.

** The next board meeting will be held on April 19, 2017 at 4:00 pm.*