



FEDERATION OF CANADIAN ARTISTS

Central Okanagan Chapter

## **MINUTES FCA Monthly meeting**

**Date: Sept 14 2015**

**Location: Rotary Centre of Arts, painting room**

**Attendance: There were 28 members and 4 guests - Dawn from Ontario, James Postill from Vernon chapter, Lorraine from Mission Painters, Tracy Martin new to Kelowna from Edmonton.**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Rod McAuley.

There were no **minutes of June 8th monthly meeting as it was a social event.** Dennis Weber and Laurie Koss did demos and there was a Group Painting for everyone to make their mark on. Snacks and coffee were at Bonny Anderson's studio. Event was well attended by members and guests. Lynn also mentioned the Volunteer award for our Chapter that was given to Barb Hanington - there is a write up in the July August FCA magazine.

**Treasurer's report presented by Karen Rempl. Opening bank balance \$13457 closing balance at August 31, 2015 was \$12,432 .** Oasis Expenditures and Income resulted in approximately cost of 1200 for the local chapter. Treasurer's report accepted by Gail Parks, seconded by Linda Wadley.

**Memberships and Website -** Kit Bell, reported that we now have 100 members. 269 subscribers for newsletter. Up significantly from last year.

**Painting of the month - Jan Crawford**

**Workshops - Marilyn Bury - not present**

Suzanne Northcott workshop Oct 2-4 is full. Looking for more ideas for workshops. Let Marilyn Bury know.

**Exhibitions: Diana Palmer -**

OASIS Art Show, had more than 100 paintings and there were lots of helpers to hang the show. Diana will look for another venue for the 2016 OASIS Art Show. Peoples choice award went to Bonny Anderson and she was presented an OPUS gift card of \$125

Peachland Art Gallery show in July 2015 - there were 6 paintings sold. It was well received, 35 people a day went through the show. They have invited us to come back. Requested that the next one be a juried show for Active members.

**Small painting show** - not doing it as we just had a society show. **However Nov 20-23 there will be a juried show at the Red Barn Hall in the mission, at Lakeshore and Dehart.**

**Art Walk was reported to be great, and there were lots of sales as noticed by red dots, per Joan Bolen.**

**OASIS** Barb spoke about - successful, but unfortunately the numbers didn't reflect it. The timing was changed to June from May. There were 4 special showings for businesses, docents - Lorraine Burns toured Okanagan Hardwoods Floors around the show and they stayed for 90 minutes. They gave us a nice letter to send to the City for our report. Sold five paintings during the OASIS show and 2 more after. Ryan Donn, councillor came to the opening night and it was very successful. Unfortunately we will need to change the location of the Art Show for next year due to RCA policy that doesn't allow more than 2 years in a row for a group to hold a show. By a show of hands - majority voted to have another OASIS symposium and Art Show next year.

Rod McAuley spoke about the RCA policy requires that we purchase coffee from the Bistro it is expensive (60.00 for 30 cups) and we also pay rent for the facility for our monthly meeting. Executive should have a meeting to decide the course of action. There is a member with a studio space at Ellis and Recreation - above Print Three who has suggested her place could be a venue for meetings.

Of note - Barb noted Heather Hollingsworth who was at the meeting - Heather lost her family home in the Rock Creek- Westbridge fire. She lost 17 paintings and all her drawings. Everyone offered condolences and wished her the best. She has received a gift certificate from OPUS from friends and fortunately she does have some paintings that were in Galleries at the time of the fire, that were not lost.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Coffee at Bonny Anderson's studio followed by Critique by Kit Bell and a talk on the levels of membership and the process to attaining the signature status AFCA, in particular the point system. Very helpful pointers on which paintings to take for your points and that you need to have 3 excellent paintings to present in person as well as the 8 juried shows in 4 years.