

Minutes – FCA-COC Monthly Meeting

Date: October 7, 2019

Location: Senior Citizen Centre, 153 Richter Street, Kelowna, BC

Attendance: Board Members – Present: Diana Hilliard, Sue Gudmundson, Jaxon Jerome, Delora Lalonde, Kit Bell, Diana Palmer. Absent: Angie Kirschner. Members present: 35

(As Angie Kirschner was not present, Renata Kerr volunteered to take the minutes in her place.)

President Diana Hilliard called the meeting to order at 7:02pm, and started by welcoming four new members to the chapter.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the last meeting were previously sent out via email to the members. Diana Hilliard asked for any errors or omissions in the minutes posted. Margo Jensen moved to accept the minutes as presented; all in favour.

Treasurer's Report (Delora Lalonde)

The adjusted bank balance: \$12,777.

Yolanda Campbell moved to accept the report as read; all in favour.

Workshops (Ann Willsie)

Ann has lined up two artists from Vancouver, both of whom have agreed to do 2-day workshops next year:

1. Perry Haddock, SFCA (acrylics)

The proposed topic is Loose and Lively Acrylics, and will focus on landscapes.

Tentative dates are May 9 & 10, 2020,

2. Jeff Wilson (acrylics)

Jeff's topic will be Urban Landscapes.

The workshop will take place towards the end of September, 2020, with dates to be determined at a later date.

Both artists have work hanging in Hambleton Galleries right now, so members have an opportunity to see their work in person.

Shows (Diana Palmer)

Diana reported on the upcoming Autumn Gallery Show. She sent out a second call to submit, reminding members that works submitted must be available for sale. The dates for the show are November 15, 16 & 17, 2019. The deadline for submissions is October 31.

Volunteers are needed to work the show, and there are sign-up sheets for the various positions/times available.

Although Susan Priest will still organize the food preparation for the reception, volunteers are needed to work the actual reception.

Members with a Serve It Right designation are needed to serve wine during the reception.

Volunteers are needed to work the cash desk, especially those with some experience with Square. The chapter now has a stand-alone Square machine, which will be easier to manage.

Diana Hilliard will post the promotional material to the online ad sources.

Michelle Droettboom has agreed to be the volunteer coordinator for the show.

Membership (Kit Bell)

Kit reported that there are now 170 members in the chapter: 52 supporting members, 103 active members, 13 AFCAs and 2 SFCAs. Renewal notices will be going out shortly for the coming year.

The newsletter now has 574 subscribers.

Kit also reported that the Mentorship Program has been extended for another six months. There are 28 members continuing the program. If members want to join, they are asked to go online to register. Another prerequisite seminar will be booked for new members, at a date to be determined. Kit thanked the signature members for their time and effort, and thanked Laurie Koss for getting the program up and running. Feedback has been very good.

Miscellaneous

Diana Hilliard was contacted by Nicole Cantley, the Community Development Co-ordinator for Kelowna, who is tasked with setting up a 5-year program to do with the arts. There is an interest in the FCA on their part, and an eagerness to work with our chapter. There was talk of tying the arts in to Tourism, so by having events like studio tours, workshops, etc., Kelowna could become known as an art vacation destination, making it an art hub.

For this to happen though, members need to step up and volunteer their time and expertise. More people need to get involved, or else these opportunities will fall by the wayside.

Nomination Committee (Sue Gudmundson and Anita McComas)

Sue reported that replacements are needed for the positions of President, Treasurer and Secretary. Members are encouraged to contact Sue or Anita with their interest in taking on one of these positions.

The 50/50 draw took in \$66, with the winner receiving \$33.

Call for old business: None

Call for new business: None

The meeting closed at 7:40 pm.

There was a Critique session after the meeting, led by Laurie Koss, SFCA and Kit Bell, AFCA, which was both informative and entertaining. Thank you to Laurie and Kit for your insights.