

MINUTES FCA-COC MONTHLY MEETING

DATE: Nov. 4,2019

LOCATION; SENIOR CITIZEN CENTRE..1353 Richter Street Kelowna.B.C.

ATTENDANCE: Members and new visitors over 50. Executive members 7.

Meeting called to order by Diana Hilliard at 7:02pm

Welcome to new members and visitors. 4 new people introduced themselves.

SECRETARY : Angie Kirschner Minutes were posted on the website. Call for any errors or omissions. None

Accepted as read by Margo Jensen. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: : Delora Lalande Income- \$4492.00, Expenses: \$3150.94, Adjusted bank Balance: \$13804.22

Moved as read by Susan Priest

MEMBERSHIP : Kit Bell Kit Accepted payments for membership renewal. Membership currently sits at 171 members.

- 53 Supporting members
- 103 Active members
- 13 AFCA's
- 2 SFCA's

Membership fees for 2020 are now due. You must be a member in good standing with the Vancouver parent organization in order to be a Chapter member. The Vancouver fee has gone up a small amount this year. This fee has not been raised in several years.

Newsletter mailing list sits at 568 subscribers!

MENTORING PROGRAM: The program has been extended for another 6 months. There are a total of 43 Active and Supportive members taking part. There are 6 Signature members acting as mentors. A BIG THANKYOU to the Signature members for volunteering their time and Knowledge to this program.

SHOWS and EXHIBITIONS: Diana Palmer A total of 120 paintings were entered into the Autumn Gallery Show this year. A total of 105 paintings were accepted and will be hung. The "qualifying and non-qualifying " List has been sent out to the entrants by email. Michelle Droetboom had the volunteer list available for all those helping with setting up the show etc. Susan priest has help for the opening night refreshments. More volunteers were recruited for this.

Art Show Promotion: Jaxon Jurome will be doing an advertising Blitz mailout which was agreed upon by the Executive. This will be done just the week prior to the show. We hope to attract more visitors to the show using a personal mailout. Also, Flyers were printed up and left for members to pick up and distribute over the next week.

Workshops: Shelley Bauer... Perry Haddock workshop in May Had one seat left , but members were encouraged to put their names on the waitlist.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Co-Chair Sue Gudmunson and Co-Chair Anita McComas. Sue announced to members that we will be voting to fill all vacant Executive positions at the AGM in January. Replacements are still needed. Diana Hilliard will be stepping down as President. A treasurer will be needed to replace Delora Lalande. Angie Kirschner will share the Secretarial Position in the new year.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2019 to be held at the Senior Citizen Hall on Monday night Dec. 2 starting at 7:00 pm . Wine will be served as well as potluck appes and snacks.

- Pictionary competition
Short demos by various artists
- Brush Cleaning demo by Diana Hilliard
- Optional Gift Exchange (under \$20.00) Bring one get one.
- Spouses may Join if they insist.

SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT: Diana Hilliard. Diana has been in correspondence with the The general manager of Vancouver FCA Patrick Meyer regarding the opening of an FCA Gallery in Kelowna. FCA Vancouver has been corresponding with City of kelowna re: the possibilities of opening a second federation Gallery here. In Kelowna. The City is interested and we are considered a good fit culturally. This Gallery will be an FCA National gallery, not a Chapter Gallery, but the benefits to the COC will be significant. The planning for this is in the very early stages.

The intention is to have a gallery of similar size to Granville and to offer foundation courses et. There will eventually be one paid position.

The second step would be to do a feasibility study. This will be costly. There is a \$10,000.00 grant from the City of Kelowna which will have to be matched by the FCA head office. The budget for this could hopefully be put together by next year.

The first step is to make application for the feasibility Study grant monies. This application will have to come from a local organization in Kelowna, such as the COC. The City wants to hear from the local members that this is something they want. The FCA-COC executive agreed that this Gallery would be a huge advantage to the interior . People will be needed from this community to gather information for this feasibility study. Patrick will need written support from us and the consultant who writes the feasibility study will be researching local involvement. Anyone with connections that might be of help are asked to talk to an executive member. Patrick requires the Chapter to do what it needs in order to verbally support the project. All members at the Monday night member meeting raised hands in favor of the Gallery happening here.

To be clear , this is a plan in its very early stages and it is a new era for the FCA. There has not been a second Gallery in the History of the FCA .

Sue Gudmundson asked for members to applaud Diana Hilliard for her time and efforts in correspondence between the City and Vancouver FCA. Diana's leadership has been exemplary.

Meeting adjourned by 7:40.

Guest for the evening: Many Thanks to Artist Rick Bond for the very quick and lively landscape demo in acrylic. So fun to watch!