



## March 25<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting Riverside United Church

1. President Walt Klisht called the meeting to order at 7pm, welcoming members and guests.
2. Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting Minutes: Jim Koudounis moved to accept the minutes; accepted.
3. Proposed Policy and Procedure:
  - Proposed Policy and Procedure has been shared with Membership for review. Walt explained that item 4 under “Officers”, stating a 50% vote to have membership approval was deleted. Page 7 of the document stated a two-thirds majority for Membership approval.
  - Walt called attention to page 6, “Show and Sales Policy”, relating to new members, which states that new members may submit one painting per meeting attended. He proposed changing this to 3 paintings per one meeting attended, 6 paintings per two meetings attended, and 10 paintings (or the full contingent) per three or more meetings attended.
  - Walt called for a vote by show of hands to approve the Policy and Procedure document as written. There were no proxy votes. Motion carried.
  - An issue was raised about the types of acceptable works allowed for the annual show as stated in the Policy and Procedure document: Robin Baratta pointed out that the wording prohibits anything but painted works. This could bar much of the work that is currently exhibited. Kit Cutting agreed with this as it eliminates pen and ink, colored pencil, pastel, collage, fabric art, and others. She suggested that the wording be changed to accept all two-dimensional art without media restrictions. Walt stated that at this time the final decision will rest with the show committee and that we will revisit this subject at a later time.
4. Executive & Convenor's Reports
  - a) Treasurer's Report, Brian Glasspoole
    - Brian presented the financial summary for March. He explained that after the annual show, the dues may be adjusted pending Executive review of the financial status and the needs of the club.

- b) Membership Convenor's Report, Mary Lou Ross
- Membership remains at 136, eight of which are honorary. There are currently fifteen interested individuals on the waiting list.
- c) Show Convenor's Report, Amelia Husnik
- Amelia stated that the volunteer sheets for the show are nearly full. They will be sent to the various convenors who will take care of filling any remaining slots. The list of volunteers will be posted at the show for members to refer to.
  - Descriptions of all the show jobs are posted on the website for volunteers to refer to. Clear instructions regarding the assembly of the new show stands will be given to those who have signed up for that slot.
  - Amelia confirmed the location of bins of materials for the show and asked for donations of large easels. Joyce Rintoul and Debra Bailey each volunteered to loan two large easels.
  - Walt stated that LAA has rented a 15 ft. U-Haul truck to transport the show stands from storage to the show site, and return. Walt will be the driver. This will eliminate a need for extra vehicles to be volunteered. Please note: loaders will be needed. A sign up sheet was available after the meeting for this.
  - Next year's the LAA Art Show & Sale will be marking our 50<sup>th</sup> year, Show Committee will be reviewing options to mark the event.
- d) Social Media Coordinator Report, Eleanor Ovtsherenko
- Eleanor stated that Member's Art Show images are being posted on our LAA website. She is also accepting bio and artwork images to post on our Member's Gallery. Instructions for submission are posted on the website.
  - Walt made available to Membership our LAA website and our LAA Art Show and Sale QR code to improve access to either of these sites.
- f) Workshop Convenor Report, Beth Stewart
- The March workshop with Kim Harrison was a great success. The April felting workshop has openings, the May workshop is full.
  - Beth stated that she is working on next year's workshops and will send out via group email in late July.
- g) Programs Convenor's Report, Chris Allaway and Tina Rae
- Chris stated that the speaker for the March meeting is Marijo Swick.
  - She stated that next year she hopes to use some of the club members to present and discuss their own work. Interested members should contact her.

- h) Social Converter's Report, Lynn Lavoie
  - beverages & snacks continue to be offered during our break
  
- i) Past President, Ann Pigott
  - Ann stated Nominations will take place during our Annual General Meeting. We have two key vacancies on the Executive team; the Secretary and the vice-president position. She suggested that the secretary position be shared by two members. There will be a table available after the meeting for members to discuss these positions.
  
- j) Annual General Meeting and Dinner, Brian MacKenzie
  - Brian requested members sign up for attendance to the May dinner meeting. Location will be the Mandarin on Wellington Road, Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm.
  - Business meeting will be conducted with Executive and Convenor's summaries and elections prior to dinner. Members to keep in mind arrival time.

## 5 New Business

- Walt will be proposing an amendment to the Constitution. Voting to take place during the Annual General Meeting. In order for new members to be brought into the club in a more timely manner, he has proposed that Article #4, Regular Membership, item 2 be changed from.. "Membership fees....are due by the end of the October meeting" be changed to read "**Membership fees are determined annually by the executive. Such fees are due by the end of the September meeting each year.**" In discussing the proposed change, he stated that dues will be accepted starting in August and can be paid by e-transfer. Anyone wanting a receipt can request one on the e-transfer form.
  
- Patti Fisher reported the passing of Sheila Harris's son, John Griffith. A card will be sent to Sheila. Celebration of life plans are not finalized at this time.
  
- There is no scheduled LAA meeting in April as we prepare for our upcoming LAA Annual Art Show. Check LAA website as well as your email regarding show updates.
  
- May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup>, LAA will be hosting our Annual Art Show and Sale, Lambeth United Church
  
- May, LAA Annual General Meeting and Nominations, Mandarin, Wellington Rd, 6:00 pm Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Submitted by Lois Fuchs

