

2023.04.25 HAAA BOD Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the Hershey Public Library and called to order at 6:30 p.m. Mary Lott chaired the meeting. **Directors Present:** Kathleen Grim, Nick Elsener, Jim Davis, Mary Lott, Sue Myers, Lee Sandel, Beverly Barley, Loretta Moore, Gwen Leuschner, Stephanie Lewis, and Mike Erdman.

Officers: *President* -Kathleen Grim; *Corresponding/Recording Secretary* –Mike Erdman; *Treasurer* - Mary Lott.

Directors: Jim Davis, Sue Myers, Lee Sandel, Lori Kelly, Beverly Barley, Gwen Leuschner, Loretta Moore, Stephanie Lewis

Standing Committees

Budget and Finance	Nick Elsener	Public Relations	VACANT
Education/Art Classes	Lori Kelly	Scholarship	Nick Elsener
Hospitality	Marcia Leister	Social Media Facebook	VACANT
Membership	Jim Davis	Website	Nick Elsener
Programs – Tues Evenings	VACANT	Venue Development	VACANT

Old Business:

1. March 28, 2023 Board minutes were approved.
2. Lee reported that a draft revision of HAAA’s Art Show Guidelines (e.g. Embellished art, prints) has been produced. She will email the guidelines for review by the BOD.
3. Nick gave an update on Scholarship activities. Entries were accepted up to the revised deadline of April 15. The Committee is in the final stage of determining the winner. The winner will be invited to the May 9 meeting.
4. Nick reported that revision of the New Member Art Gallery page on HAAA’s Website will need to be postponed until Fall 2023, due to other commitments.
5. Mary reported that three people have entered the HAAA’s Soup Cookoff, to be held at HAAA’s General Meeting on May 9th. The winning entry will be entered into Hershey Partnership’s Soup Cookoff on September 30. Kathleen asked Nick and/or Sue to inform the Partnership of our intent to participate.
6. No practical options have been found to date for storage of HAAA display racks and covers.
7. HAAA Plenair Fridays will commence on May 5th. Wendy Craig, Marie Gamon, and Mary Lott will coordinate site decisions and host volunteers.
8. HAAA is seeking volunteers for Officers for 2024, and in particular for Treasurer-Elect.

New Business:

1. Following the May 9 General Meeting, there will be no general meetings in June, July, or August. Exception: If a Barnyard Meeting is planned outside the Hershey History Center, a committee will be needed to plan a July 11 meeting.
2. Mary circulated a signup sheet for volunteers to chair future BOD meetings.

Officer/Committee Reports:

1. Membership Report: Jim reported 94 members to date.
2. Treasurer’s Report: Mary reported YTD net revenue of \$4149, and total bank funds of \$28,537.
3. Education/Art Class Report: Lori submitted her report detailing four classes in the May/June period: May 2 (6 weeks) - Paul Gallo, Oil class; May 4 (6 weeks) - Marie Gamon, Water Media class; June 26 (1 evening) – MJ McFalls, Encaustic Painting; and July 19 (1 day)– Lina Ferrara, Plein Air.
4. Scholarship Report: See New Business Item 3 above. Nick also proposed reducing the number of schools to be engaged in future scholarship canvassing. He will present his proposal in more detail at the next BOD meeting.
5. Website/social media: Nick reported that Ali Abbott is unable to help with website or social media at this time. Loretta and Gwen offered to assist with Instagram and Facebook site maintenance.
6. Programs (Tuesday Evenings) 2023: The May 9 speaker will be Rev. Anjel Scarborough, Rector at All Saints Episcopal Church. Her topic will be Orthodox Icons. Speakers are needed for September, October, and November meetings.

	Speaker	Topic		Speaker	Topic
May 9	Rev. Anjel Scarborough	Orthodox Icons	Sept 12		
July 13		HAAA Auction (uncertain)	Oct 10		
			Nov 14	Off Site meeting	
			Dec 12	Holiday Party	@ CAMA

Standing Art Shows in the Community:

- Backstage Café – Mary – Next Rotation June 1st
- Hershey Library – Mary – Next Rotation June TBA
- CAMA – No plans for an art rotation at this time
- Cocoa Beanery – Uncertain at this time, given ownership change and renovations
- Other sites – Black Griffin (Elizabethtown), and other ideas were shared as potential venues

Upcoming Art Shows Updates for 2023:

- Center Stage - Stephanie Lewis is willing to work with Aleax Olivera of Center Stage. Kathleen will issue a reminder to submit jpegs to HAAA by May 11. Selected art will be displayed from June 6 until Dec 6.
- April 28, 2023 – Hershey Symphony Art Exhibit setup is April 27 – Kathleen and Loretta are coordinating.

- May 13th, 2023 – ArtFest – Beverly and Lori will coordinate. 8 artists have signed up to display.
- June 10, 2023 – Old Annville Day - John Roach & Mary Lott. 6 artists have signed up thus far.
- Sept 1-3, 2023 – Hershey Gardens – Lee Sandel
- Sept 30 – Soup Cookoff – Mary Lott
- Oct/Nov 2023 - Members Art Show at the Hershey Library – TBA
- Dec 12, 2023 – HAAA Xmas party at CAMA - TBA

Next HAAA BOD Meeting is May 23, 2023 at 6:30 pm at 1241 E. Chocolate Ave (Sue Myers' Ice Cream Shoppe)

The BOD meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Erdman, Corresponding/Recording Secretary