

**GAINESVILLE FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday April 10, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 by Susan Fulford, President. Quorum established.

Present in person: Emma Jensen, Susan Fulford, Wes Lindberg, Sara McTigue, Chris Brundige, and Lisa Klug.

Present online: Kyle Novak, Estefania Torres and Katy Lemle (Executive Director).

Absent: Rebecca Hoffman and Sally Larson.

Past minutes: Motion to approve March minutes moved by Wes Lindberg, seconded by Lisa Klug.

Presidents Report:

- Susan Fulford submits congratulation to Kyle for the success of the Santa Fe Spring Arts Festival;
- Susan, Katy and Sally will be meeting with the North Florida Community Foundation this week;
- The third student exhibition is currently being installed following the success of the first two, including an excellent March Art Walk;
- Susan met with Katy last week about the 100 Year Celebration Event. They've decided to find quotes to hire an event planner to coordinate an event that meets member needs across the whole weekend. Kyle mentions Aviant tent rental as a possibility for affordable tent rental if we decide to use the board and volunteers to organize the events;
- The terms of Sweet Berries Community Venue have been confirmed with the college location being by invitation only and the secondary location (still to be opened) will continue as a multiple artist venue;
- Susan and Katy will be meeting with the Mathieson Museum this Friday to explore their collection for pieces by founding members;
- Susan reiterates she would like board minutes to be available to members;
- Roz Miller has proposed a service for members to sell their art collections through the gallery. Susan would like to consider how to make this viable for GFAA based on space and resource constraints;
- The Arts County of Alachua County had their first artists resource event in 2022. Their second event will be held this year May 5, 2023 in Micanopy. GFAA will be sponsoring the afternoon tea;
- Susan extends thanks to everyone on the board who has contributed to the improvement and events at the gallery, the updates have changed how the space can be used for the best.

Vice Presidents Report:

- Sally Larson (absent) provided a written report. Nothing new to add other than mulch will be added to the garden area when she returns.

Treasurer's Report:

- Estefania Torres summarizes March report emphasizing the increased revenue through art sales, in-space rental, an anonymous donation through the network for good and sale of donated stock;
- She notes that uncategorized items are placeholders until the correct identification can be made. Increased expenses on space improvement were anticipated for Donor Wall upgrade and shop improvements.

Executive Directors Report:

- Katy Lemle mentions that donor renewal process has been changed with support from gallery assistant making personal calls rather than relying simply on automated email;
- In regards to building improvement: The Donor Wall has been installed
- Gallery Assistant, Carly, has been working really well. 3-month review is coming up;
- Este, Michelle and Katy have postponed initiating the grant process following delays through the state grant. All materials are ready for submission;
- Katy reports she is ready to submit Visit Gainesville reimbursement request;
- The student shows have been a challenging process but Carly's support has been essential;
- Gainesville Improv will continue to rent the space on Monday evenings 7PM-9PM and will pay \$400 a month, May through September. They've committed to creating programming that doesn't intrude on GFAA events in the space;
- New vinyl for the front door will be ordered this week, including logo, hours and inclusion message;
- Katy provided updates about the History of GFAA exhibition curation, including update to the website

Committee Reports

Education:

- Christine Brundige reminds everyone about the iPhone Photography Walkabout workshop, May 6 with Alison Fairfield. Other upcoming workshops in development include: June 3, 2023. Carly Shooster - iPad Digital Tools Workshop; October 14, 2023. Nika Zakarov - Oil painting; February 16/17, 2024. Teresa Kirk (subject to be determined); Sometime 2023 or '24. Suzanna Winton - watercolor pets, portraits; April or October 2024. Dawn Wilkins - Printmaking from Nature. They're looking for a figure drawing artist for Sept '23 or Jan '24.
- The next meeting will be May 25 at Sally's house;
- April 28 Studios at Grace has a big party planned for Art Walk with 13 artists + food truck + music.

Old Business:

- Sara McTigue reminds everyone that next week is the Amazing Give. She has created a donor page for everyone and given instructions to personalize it then share with contacts. Katy invites everyone to come to the gallery 3PM to 7PM Thursday April 20 and support the last push for donations;
- Katy reached out to North Florida bank and SiMed requesting matching donations for Amazing Give. She also asks if anyone has any ideas about a business to sponsor the communication show, which will be installed April 23.

New Business:

- Wes mentions Thursday May 4, 2023 is the Santa Fe graduating ceremony and price ceremony. He invites anyone to attend 6:30PM to 8:30PM at the third floor of the N Building;
- Kyle mentions another graduating show this Friday 7PM to 9PM at Santa Fe College gallery.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Wes Lindberg seconded by Sara McTigue adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Emma Jensen, Secretary...