

GAINESVILLE FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday September 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Susan Fulford, President. Quorum established.

Present in person: Emma Jensen, Susan Fulford, Wes Lindberg, Melody Vaughn, Kyle Novak and Katy Lemle (Executive Director).

Present online: Chris Brundige, Lisa Klug, Estefania Torres and Rebecca Hoffman

Absent: Sally Larson, Sara McTigue, and Porchia Moore.

Past minutes: Motion to approve July minutes moved by Wes Lindberg, seconded by Kyle Novak.

Presidents Report:

- Susan Fulford congratulates Katy and Emma for their work on the National Show;
- Correction from last months meeting: the banner on 13th St for the Centennial is in use for two weeks, not one. After further enquiries it turns out there is limited flexibility on who can create and install the banner. The design is still to be determined;
- Sweet Berries is open on campus at Newell Hall. The new community venue to be managed by a new volunteer, Patty Martinez. Only 7 large pieces in current installation. On the walls 6 months, rather than 4 months;
- Katy, Sally and Susan met with Luis Rodriguez to agree about monthly rental fee until the end of 2022 when terms of lease will be renegotiated. He has since removed the concrete, cut out trees and has plans to bring in pavers.

Vice Presidents Report:

- Sally Larson is absent, no report was submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

- Estefania Torres reiterates congratulations on the National Show;
- She comments on the August financial report and notes the impact of the National Show on incomes and expenses. There were additional expenses for the exhibition assistant and social media advertising;
- Katy adds that there was an additional expense for the Studio Assistant coordinators. All these expenses will be reimbursed through the Visit Gainesville Grant, which will be submitted at the end of next month;
- Susan asks about the negative \$90 balance on the Beautiful Mind expenses and Katy explains it was a user error in the new membership software.

Executive Directors Report:

- Katy Lemle reports that she's working with Susan on membership renewal letters;
- She met with Anne Gilroy, Curator at the Thomas Center Galleries, and confirmed the curated exhibition of Alyene Harris's works slated for March/April 2023 in the front

gallery concurrent to student shows. During that meeting Anne mentioned that she's working with Porchia Moore on a grant for a curator and requested GFAA as a supporting institute;

- Wes Lindberg makes a motion to approve GFAA's participation and Melody seconds;
- Katy mentions that the National Show is up for another month and in this time she's preparing for the Indulge Exhibition. She requests suggestions for local restaurants who might be willing to be involved to contribute artwork and food samples for the show;
- Both work studies students are back from vacation;
- The gallery book has been selling and the majority of donations have been \$50. Around \$550 has been raised so far;
- New business cards have been ordered including blank ones for use by board members;
- Gallery Assistant job description is in development. Susan and Katy will head the hiring committee and request support from the board. Wes and Kyle volunteer to help.

Committee Reports

DEIA and Programming:

- Katy reports that the Programming committee met September 8. 2 people were in attendance and it was a productive conversation. The updated programming schedule has been available to board members to review;
- GFAA will be hosting the next Alachua County artists meet up October 14;
- Stephanie Hass has offered to donate \$2,000 to cover the cost of a Co Lab event hosted by GFAA that would potentially run during the CO-CREATION exhibition in August/September 2023. Artists and thinkers from varied disciplines would be invited to be involved;
- The Legacy exhibition in May/June 2023 will be a party. Katy requests that the date be confirmed and 4 to 5 people to come together as a party-planning team. Susan notes that it's important to consider the tone of the event early on, to help inform some of the decisions that will need to be made. Various suggestions for event were mentioned;
- The next DEIA Committee Meeting will be this coming Wednesday September 14 at 6pm;
- Wes mentions how the Gainesville Downtown Arts Festival will be another public event to reach new audiences.

Studio Tour:

- Wes Lindberg asks if there has been any interest in taking on the Studio Tours for 2023. Susan has been in conversation with a number of people but waiting for confirmation.

Education:

- Christine Brundige reiterates her previous report: the next workshop is this weekend Saturday, September 17, 2022 – Samm Wehmann Epstein "Pet Portraits" 10am to 2pm. Instructor will be paid from the Visit Gainesville Grant;
- The upcoming workshops include Perspective in Drawing and Printing on Fabric;
- The Members' Meeting is this Sunday, September 18, 2022, 4 pm to 6 pm. Russell Etling from 352 will present their accomplishments so far and where they're heading. Pre

meeting activity will be 3 pm to 4 pm – members may decorate a small (5 1/2x8 1/2”) 2-D piece as a sketchbook cover to be presented to each student participating in the Student Art Show at GFAA, January 27, 2023. The exhibit will be in lieu of the Annual Musical Chairs FEA (Friends of Elementary Arts) Fundraiser, and will be held in collaboration with the GFAA’s 100th Anniversary Board Members exhibit. The reception and opening for both will be on February 27, 2023 Art Walk. Additional workshops for artists to complete a small work and to assemble the student sketchbooks and to frame student artwork will be held at Studios of Grace, the first one was this past weekend Saturday September 10 and the next one will be December 17, 2022. Linda Henderson will be sending emails to interested artists;

- Chris asks if there’s going to be a holiday party in December. General interest. Rebecca suggests sending out a survey to confirm member interest. To be a dress up party. Date confirmed as Saturday December 10;
- Education team will be holding their monthly meeting November 11, 2022.

Old Business:

- Nothing to add.

New Business:

- Katy brings to the board the approval and signing of “Corporate Resolution Granting Signing Authority and Authority to Conduct Business”;
- Wes Lindberg makes motion to approve Katy Lemle, Susan Fulford and Estefania Torres as Corporate Resolution Granting Signing Authority and Authority to Conduct Business. Melody Vaughn seconds. Unanimous approval.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Kyle Novak seconded by Susan Fulford adjourned at 7.30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Emma Jensen, Secretary, October 8, 2022.