

GAINESVILLE FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday October 10, 2022

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

Present in person: Emma Jensen, Susan Fulford, Wes Lindberg, Chris Brundige, Sara McTigue and Katy Lemle (Executive Director).

Present online: Sally Larson, Estefania Torres, Rebecca Hoffman and Kyle Novak.

Absent: Melody Vaughn, Lisa Klug, and Porchia Moore.

Past minutes: Motion to approve August minutes moved by Wes Lindberg, seconded by Chris Brundige. Motion to approve September minutes moved by Wes Lindberg, seconded by Sara McTigue.

Presidents Report:

- Susan Fulford offers congratulations to grant writing team for receiving full funding for Visit Gainesville Grant;
- Susan mentions that Alfred Philips received Best in Show at Winter Park Autumn Festival;
- Request for the board to submit ideas for the verbiage to be used on the 100 year banner. Application to the city will be submitted soon;
- City Proclamation set for June concurrent to the Legacy Exhibition;
- Oak Hammock collaborative show reception coming up November 6. Still to be determined if it will be open to the public or a closed event;
- Susan mentions changes to the building usage and yard redevelopment. Susan, Katy and Emma met with the building manager, Luis, to address issues. Positive changes have been made going forward;
- Thanks extended to the group working to maintain the gallery.

Vice Presidents Report:

- Sally Larson reports that the development of the gift shop has been delayed by personal travel. She'll be meeting with Katy to discuss plans going forward;
- The Adopt a Garden group is meeting tomorrow at 11am to reconcentrate efforts on the yard.

Treasurer's Report:

- Estefania Torres notes that it's been a good month for donations and grant reimbursements. Exhibition fees were down for the main gallery but money came in from the Oak Hammock show. Member renewal above average for the year so far. No additional comments;
- Katy adds that the most recent Visit Gainesville grant has just been submitted, 13,500 to be received. The Wells Fargo donation was also received;

- Katy asks how much we're expecting to receive from the State Grant to clarify how some of the expenses will be balanced. Estefania projects 10,000 within this financial year;
- Sally asks about why the Gallery Directors Wages stopped being listed in January. Katy explains it's been relabelled under Payroll. Sally also asked about where the Student Work Study students wages are listed. Katy explains that GFAA pays one lump sum to UF to payout.

Executive Directors Report:

- Katy Lemle mentions that we've received our Angel Donor donation. They committed to supporting the rent until the end of 2022. Susan and Katy will reach out to them to see whether they're willing to extend their support through 2023;
- Katy proposes a focussed fundraiser for mid November to mid December. She would like the board to be involved and will schedule a separate meeting to plan;
- She reports that the design for the donor wall has been finalized and the materials have been acquired. She's now trying to decide how to select whose names should be included and added to the wall as time goes on. Chris asks what the perks for donating are. Katy mentions the inclusion on the donor wall and donor exhibition previews;
- Katy also mentions the success of the Visit Gainesville Grant review, and the constructive feedback offered by the scoring panel. Mark Sexton recommended attending the Alachua County Commission meeting (possibly October 25th) to submit thanks and generally advocate for arts funding;
- The National Show will be uninstalled Sunday October 23. Katy sent a call for volunteers for repacking artwork;
- Katy reiterates her request for help in the booth for the Gainesville Downtown Artist Festival November 19 and 20;
- Katy met with the 20 Pearls Foundation who sponsored a scholarship for a Black artist in 2022 and have renewed interest in providing money for 2023. Katy has been following up with other donors who support scholarships;
- Pulp Arts will be hosting a concert in the GFAA space October 20;
- The member meeting with Russell Etling was really interesting to let the membership know about what the city has been doing for the arts. Katy asks that more of the board members attend the meetings and encourage more members to attend;
- The Assistant Position job description is still in development (the first draft has been sent to members of the board for review and will be posted soon). There have been some ongoing issues with the work study students that Katy has been managing but incentivizes distributing the job description sooner rather than later.

Committee Reports

DEIA:

- Katy reports on the September DEIA meeting. 2 people were in attendance. Based on that meeting, Katy is reconsidering how to structure and best use that time to ensure its most constructive. Her concern is that the DEIA initiatives should be at the forefront of every committee meeting. How to best integrate these ideas? And ensure that they

remain in focus? General discussion from the board and agreement that we want to make clear that GFAA promotes inclusion of people who've been historically excluded;

- Conversation turned to the 100 year celebrations. Emma recommended applying to the Florida Humanities Community Project Grant to bring on a scholar or curator to develop the Legacy exhibition to its full potential.

Studio Tour:

- Susan reports that she's still inquiring with interested people. Wes will meet with them to answer questions.

Education:

- Christine Brundige reports on the next workshop, October 29, which is Perspective with Sylvia McIntyre-Cook. November 5 is Lionel Sanchez teaching Watercolor. January date is still to be determined, potentially pushed to February;
- Christine asks if there has been any additional information for the December 10 Membership Potluck. Plan in progress (including sign ups for food, fliers to go out, decorations).

Old Business:

- Nothing to add.

New Business:

- Nothing to add.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Wes Lindberg seconded by Sally Larson adjourned at 7.40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Emma Jensen, Secretary, November 13, 2022.