

Saugeen Artist's Minutes (Tuesday, September 6, 2016)

Attendance

Barbara Pearn, Bev Morgan, Brian Taylor, Dan Nolan, David Robertson, Erica Rushton, Helen Tomlin, Jane Jacques, Jose Holman, Leslie Manning, Marilyn Hammer, Marion Shannon, Roseanne Bensette, Silvana Virdiramo, Susan Dugard, Susan O'Brien, Susan Schaefer, Wayne Broderick

Minutes of June 7, 2016 meeting

Minutes were ere accepted as presented. David (moved) Bev (seconded) Carried

Treasurers Report

Was accepted as presented. Silvana (moved) Erica (seconded) Carried

Sandy and Bev will present a cheque for \$200 (Scholarship Award) to a JDSS graduation student in September.

Old Business

Group Insurance Update The Saugeen Artists now have \$2,000,000 liability insurance through the Co Operators in Hanover. This insurance will cover the group or each individual artist doing a show.

Upcoming Events

Hanover Library Cheese and Wine Art Show (October 22, 7-10pm)

Bev is on the library committee. She drew up a map of the library with a sign up sheet. Four people are needed to work on cash and four people to wrap products. The sheet was passed around for those interested in participating in the show. There will be a silent auction. Items for the auction are to be brought to our October meeting. Four to five youth from the Launch Pad will also be displaying their work. There will be a pre-show viewing at 6pm for family and friends of the youth. There will be guest artists who will be sending their images to Bev. Set-up will begin around 12:30. We are requested to be ready by 5pm. Bev will email everyone a detailed summary.

Hoity Toity (November 26)

A sign-up sheet was passed around. Bev will send out an email to members who were not present at the meeting.

Bags Susan DuGuard researched prices to purchase paper bags for our store. She will email her price report to Jane, who will send it to the executive for review.

New Business

Store rental for Christmas store

Bev contacted Pino, owner of the store we rented in November/December 2015, indicating that we interested in renting this space again. Last year we paid \$2220 for 2 months. This year he

wants \$3503 (a difference of \$1,283) Group discussion: that we offer Pino \$3000, for 2 months or offer to pay \$3503, with additional store space.

Marion made a motion to let Bev do the negotiations to acquire the store. Wayne seconded.

Neustadt Opportunity

Stephanie Crilly is working with the West Grey Chamber of Commerce (special committee) to bring business to Neustadt. They are in the process of applying for funding to get a pilot project off the ground, which would see three store front business spaces in Neustadt. (Opening during the summer months as a “pop up” store) They would rent out the space to artists; fresh food vendors; and aboriginal works.

They intend to receive funding, enough to pay the rent for 15 months and to pay for a coordinator. If they are funded, the project would have a multi-use store that is for a collaborated business, similar to our Christmas store; a coffee shop; and a space specializing in women entrepreneurs and small business.

They are only seeking potential partners for the grant application. The deadline was August 31st and expecting to hear back by November. They wanted input regarding our Christmas store front; how we man it; use of tills; set-up; and staffing.

Becoming a non-profit Association and Available Grants

Marion has done research on grants. Since we are a non-profit group, the grants that we could apply for are: Bruce/Grey grant, Ontario Arts Council and Public speaker grant. From a grant we could acquire money for such things as supplies; advertising, etc.

Next year, being Canada’s 150th birthday, we could consider applying for the Trillium grant.

A grants committee was formed. Members are: Marion, Sandy, Susan DuGuard, Dan Nolan and Allan Simpson. Jackie moved that the committee explore grants available to our group. Barb seconded.

New Members Dan welcomed the new members.

They are: Allan Simpson, Savi Buchanan, Jackie Penfold (past member) and Katherine Stephens/Osborne (past member).

Marilyn will email the group committee’s list to members not present and not on a committee. Marilyn also explained a little bit about the Wiffii (a portable, wireless device to do credit card transactions) available through Bell.

For Basic info: <http://www.bell.ca/Mobility/Products/Novatel-Wireless-MiFi6630>

For Rates: http://www.bell.ca/Mobility/Cell_phone_plans/Turbo-Stick-and-Turbo-Hub-data-plans

GIFT Gallery, Mount Forest

Jackie Penfold gave the following information at the meeting.

Rene Ariens, artist/proprietor of the GIFT Gallery and Activity Center, Mount Forest, would like the Saugeen Artists, who have their art showcased in the gallery, to become more involved in the store. He would like them to do art workshops/classes. Contact: Rene 519-509-4438.

Since Rene has no set fee for us showcasing our art, it would be nice if each artist displaying their work in his gallery, donate \$20-\$25 per month, to help cover operating costs. Artists should also give Rene a percentage of what they make on any of their art sold there.

Jackie asked about the possibility of Rene being invited to speak about the GIFT Gallery at the Saugeen Artists meeting, in the near future. There was also the suggestion that our group have a show at the GIFT Gallery sometime.

Marilyn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marion.

Next meeting – October 4, 2016