



2022 Annual General Meeting Minute – April 26, 2023

Location: Minto Arts Gallery, Harriston Public Library, 88 Mill Street, Harriston, On.

Attendees: Eleanor Butt, Gordon Duff, Warren Grein, Wendy Lockwood, Lynn Philp, Raissa Rogers, Judy Tuck, Bill Van Sickle and Julianne von Westerholt.

Regrets: None

Meeting Commenced at 7:08 pm

Review of 2020/2021 minutes deferred to email review and approval.

2022 Treasurer's Report - presented by Gordon Duff

Review of financial statement for 2022 (see handout). Our gallery opened in the spring of 2022 for the season after being closed for the 2020 and 2021 season. Primary fund-raiser was our Christmas Silent Auction with revenues down by 31% over previous year. An overall operating deficit of \$2,764 was incurred mainly due to gallery upgrades and reduced fundraising.

Motion for Approval – Eleanor Butt, 2nd by Wendy Lockwood. **Carried**

2022 Annual Report – presented by Julianne Von Westerholt

Review of Annual Report for 2022 (see handout). Our 1st gallery exhibit opened in March 2022 with a total of 78 attendees. Five exhibits and our Silent Auction were held in 2022 with a total of 486 attendees.

The Art Council presented an event in partnership with the Crown Theatre in Harriston. This spring event featured Boreal with Katherine Wheatley, Tannis Slimmon and Angie Nussey. This event was unable to break even as attendance was low at 35 people.

The Basement Café returned in October of 2022 featuring local artists. Emily McRobbie, Meggie Faye, and Mikalyn Hay performed to a sold out audience of 67 patrons and brought in a surplus revenue of \$248.

Gallery upgrades included the completion of long delayed capital projects. Dynamic lighting and a complete gallery paint job freshened up the space and made it more appealing to both visitors and exhibitors.

The board of directors for 2022 will stand for the 2023 season and a new board will be elected in 2024. Our volunteers sit at 32 with an active status. Involvement of volunteers needs to include more than gallery sitting.

Our social media continues to grow. Board members play an active role in promoting the Council and are encouraged to share social media posts to expand reach. We have doubled our traffic to our website over the previous year.

Motion for Approval – Gord Duff, 2nd by Judy Tuck. **Carried**

2022 Committee Reports – covered in the Annual Report

Other Business – All members

General discussion on the need for us to have a convenient way for visitors to pay for purchases, memberships, admissions tickets, etc. We are to have a further conversation on obtaining a Square for debit/credit card purchases at our next board meeting.

Our banking is thru the CIBC in Palmerston, which is not as convenient now that it is in Palmerston. Warren Grein volunteered to investigate the cost of moving our accounts to the RBC in Harriston. He is to bring his report to the next board meeting.

Upcoming Juried art show. Based on our successful call for submissions with 90 pieces in total from 30 artist Julianne von Westerholt proposed we add a category for children's submission with a \$50 prize for the winner.

Motion for Approval – Gord Duff, 2nd by Raissa Rogers. **Carried**

Posters being printed for our exhibits need to be increased from 50 to 65.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25