



Minutes- General Meeting, February 10th, 2020

Location: Masonic Hall, Van Buren St., Kemptville- 7:00pm

Executive Members Present: Gary Blake (President), Tammy Keith (Vice President), Tabitha Valliant (Treasurer), Leahbeth Harding (Secretary).

Committee Coordinators Present: Tammy Keith (Programming & Grid Rentals), Ian Sterling (Venues), Sandy Armstrong (Sponsorship), Meredith Luce (Marketing & Newsletter), Gary Blake (Website), Barb Buchanan (Refreshments), Debra Simpson (Photography), Caroline Marshall (Facebook). Absent: Jim Moran (Shows).

President's Welcome and Remarks: Gary welcomed the Members, new and returning, to the meeting. He called for a motion to accept the January minutes as circulated. Debra Simpson moved, Ruth Wallace seconded, and all accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Tabitha reported that the Guild currently has \$7,607 in the bank, most of which will go towards paying rent, insurance, and fees. Gary re-iterated that we did receive a grant from the Municipality that will enable the Guild to put on our Spring Art Show.

Programming Report: Tammy thanked all those who came out for the Guild's first movie night held on the last Wednesday evening at 6pm at the Library. Last month, the movie was a documentary about four Ottawa based Artists who shared their vision, their projects, and their method of working. This month, February 26th, we will be seeing a short Canadian "Documentary in the making", followed by discussion. These movie nights are free, open to the public, and Art based.

- Guild Members have been given a chance to rent a booth at North Grenville's "Shop Local" event on April 25th at a reduced rate. The booths are \$50 + hst, due March 1st. We need to have 10 participants from the Guild to get this reduced rate. Please email Kenna McCall if you are interested in participating.
- The Kemptville Players have invited the Guild to have a little Art Show during their play, May 21st-24th. This will be displayed in the lobby of the Municipal Centre. We will need two volunteers to stay with the Art each evening. It is a lovely opportunity to show the community what the Arts Guild is doing.
- Rob Fowler will be teaching kids ages 8 and up an Art class at the library during the March Break. There will be a sign-up sheet at the library for this. If you are interested in helping Rob, or leading a class yourself, contact Rob or the library.
- The Greenhouse at the Kemptville College is now open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am until 2pm. A small donation is appreciated. We are looking into the possibility of having an Art session in there in future. Meredith will check into the cost of doing this.
- Meredith is doing Nature Journaling on Thursday mornings. They meet at the 'tank' at the Ferguson Forestry Centre at 9:30am, walk for an hour or so and then retreat somewhere warm to get coffee and record what they have seen. Jane Couch has offered the Arts Hub space as a warm place to gather after the hike. All are welcome. Check their Facebook group, "Nature Journaling North Grenville" for more information.

Spring Show Report: We are completely booked for the Spring Show. An email will be sent out to everyone participating in this in the next week or so.

Sponsorship Report: Sandy reported that we have some new Sponsors: \$100 donation from Yazdani Family Dentistry, \$300 donation from the Rotary Club, and \$150 from Pixel Eyecare Centre, who have become a new Venue for show our work. Pixel will also put the Art Guild and the featured Artist on their website.

-Meredith will donate cards for saying Thank you.

Venues Report: Ian thanked Sandy for getting in to Pixel Eyecare Centre so quickly and securing that space for showing our Art. He reported that we have 9 Venue spaces and just 17 of our Members are signed up to show. Ian encouraged everyone to get their name on the list and to take advantage of this opportunity.

- Ian has visited the Venue businesses recently and all are pleased with how this is being run.

- Ian also spoke about the "Paint-Ins" that are happening at Jonsson's Independent Grocer on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 1pm until 4pm. It is held in the upstairs meeting room and the light and space are quite good. The cost of \$25 is split between the Members who show up that day, so most often the cost for each is only about \$3 or \$4. It will also take place on Sunday morning, March 1st, 9am until 12pm.

Membership Report: Rose reported that we have 55 Members to date. Although there has been a drop in numbers, we have a good and vibrant Member base.

Website Report: Gary is working with Meredith to re-organize the website to be more User friendly. If you have a website for your art, this can put this on as a link. We are trying to make the website as professional looking as possible.

Other Business: Sandy has an article going into the North Grenville Times, thanking our Venues and our Sponsors for their support and continued interest in the Art Guild.

- Meredith is asking for our Members to consider contributing to our monthly Newsletter, to "keep it interesting". Anything that you are interested in would probably be of interest to the Membership. A few ideas for this might be: an Art book review; a visit to a gallery, class, or studio; a short paragraph on a technique or art supply you've tried lately; sharing an Art related website or YouTube channel that you enjoy; sharing an Art related event that might be coming up, whether online or in our community... Any of these things would be interesting to hear about. Please consider sharing!

- Tabitha shared her experience with "Sketch Box" Art subscription boxes... "Fun and a luxury!"!

- Thank you to Barb and Tammy for bringing in Watercolour Crystals and Fluid Acrylic pearlized 'inks' for us to try. Tammy encouraged everyone to consider sharing unusual/interesting Art supplies with the group!

- Thank you to all our Members who brought work in for Show and Tell. It is so interesting to see what our Members are working on!

-Meeting adjourned 9:00pm.