

## **FALMOUTH ART CENTER**

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

**June 6, 2023**

On this date the Annual Meeting was held with the following Board Members in attendance: Cathy Cetta, Rob Goldsborough, Marie Cromwell, Lisa Errico, Joanie Cribben, Joan Valle, Forrest Pirovano, Charlotte Harris, Walter Knox, Peter Morrison, Laura Reckford, Executive Director. Absent: Doreen Kelly, Lillia Frantin.

Cathy opened the meeting at 4:05 and welcomed the 33 members in attendance. Noting that a quorum was present, Cathy asked for approval of the minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

Cathy called for the committee reports.

#### **Treasurer's Report** Rob Goldsborough

Rob noted that the Art Center had a very strong year financially. This was the result of well attended children's programs, high membership, well subscribed classes and workshops, and outstanding gallery sales. This resulted in a surplus of approximately 93k. The surplus will be distributed to our scholarship program, the building fund, and the board reserve.

#### **Diversity Committee** Claudia Smith-Jacobs

Laura Reckford delivered the report in Claudia's absence. Laura noted that an exhibit of Native American art was held. Artists from the region and scientists from WHOI collaborated on another exhibit.

The Book Club is hosting a talk by Leah Penniman, author of "Farming While Black". Karen Rinaldo discussed her work "The First Thanksgiving on Zoom."

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Lawrence school made and exhibited candles celebrating Diwali.

Posters contest celebrating Juneteenth exhibited from all grades.

#### **Building Committee** Peter Morrison

Peter noted that the gas kiln has been fired. Its use has been suspended temporarily to modify the chimney. It is expected to be operational shortly.

General building light has been replaced using a State grant. We are looking into a standby generator to supply power for heating in the event of a power outage.

We are continuing to increase our reserve for future building repairs.

**President's Report** Cathy Cetta

Cathy announced that Charlotte was leaving the Board and thanked her for her service as a Board member and as President. Cathy presented her with a hydrangea.

Cathy announced that Walter Knox has agreed to return to the Board and Lillia Frantin is joining the Board as a new member. Cathy asked for a motion to approve the addition of Walter and Lillia to the Board. A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

**Executive Director's Report** Laura Reckford

Laura thanked her staff, the teachers, and volunteers for a wonderful year. She noted that the outdoor classroom was completed in 2022 and has been used extensively. She reported that we have students ranging in age from 5 to 100.

She recognized Christine Anderson and Patrice Mogan for their excellent work in managing the Fiber Studio and Ceramics Studio, respectively. She reported that Zoom classes are being conducted for Recovering Champions and (2)clay classes for individuals with mental disabilities.

She reported that we have 36 exhibits a year. Upcoming exhibits include the annual Juried Exhibit and the Blue Ribbon Exhibit.

The 2022 Holiday Market was very successful as was the yard sale. The 2023 yard sale is scheduled this coming Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>. She noted that the Annual Gala is scheduled for July 14 from 5-7.

She reported that we have over 800 members.

Cathy thanked Laura for all of her excellent work.

Cathy adjourned the meeting at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Morrison, Recording Secretary.

