

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT ARTS LEAGUE
JANUARY 7, 2019

• Board Members Present:

Jim Abicht	Stephanie Faleski	Diane Milner
Alison Chapman	James R. Ford	Elizabeth “Kim” Pugh
Elaine Dairo	Jarad Ford	T. Dru Stowe
Deborah Duncan	Sheila Gwaltney	Ernest White
John Edwards	Gary Hess	Donald Williams

- A quorum was determined and the meeting called to order by Board President, Diane Milner at 7:00 PM. She extended warm greetings to the general membership attending. (31 members in attendance)
- The Treasurer’s Profit & Loss Statement covering the period ending December 31, 2018 was distributed and reviewed. He pointed out that the investment income was down overall due to market fluctuations. The statement reflects the financial condition of the IWAL and that account balances are sufficient to cover current needs. Report stands as presented.
- James Ford, Chair of the Nominating Committee of Gary Hess and Deborah Duncan presented the names of Steve Jordan and Priscilla McGreevy for consideration and election to the board. Advertised candidate Dawn Riddle withdrew her name from consideration on January 6. Sheila Gwaltney nominated Barbara Lively Mastaglio from the floor. Elaine Dairo moved that the nominations be closed and Gary Hess seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The members present unanimously approved the new board members presented.

Gary Hess moved to extend the terms of the board Officers for one month to the regular February meeting. Elaine Dairo seconded the motion and the vote in favor was unanimous.

The minutes of the December 3, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS/PROGRAM REPORTS

Jim Abicht reported on the 2018 highlights of the Smithfield Music program which is dedicated to the hearing and understanding of music. The program donated \$10,500 to the music, choral and band programs in the nine public schools of the County. Smithfield Music’s next fundraising event will be coordinating the music entertainment for the BOB Fest in January, presenting a house concert in April with James Lee Stanley and a June show by the Sons of Town Hall.

John Edwards reviewed the Summer Concert Series for 2018. Its 31st Season averaged attendance of 200 people and experienced only 4 rainouts. The announcement of the 2019 season performers is pending however the program is solvent due to dedicated private donors.

Dru Stowe noted that the Sundays At Four program will mark its 10th season in 2019. The next activity will be a woodwind master class on January 12th at Christ Church.

Sheila Gwaltney reviewed the 2018 events for the Visual Arts Program and the Arts Center @ 319, emphasizing that the program had ended the year slightly in the black. After the challenges of road closings for gas line replacement in the early part of 2018, the 300 Block of Main Street had welcomed 4 new business, including Imagine Art Gallery. The arts center artists had assisted Tourism with the Crush Friday in August.

The visitor count for December was 1,470 and 13,503 visitors for the year.

Sales were strong in December showing gross receipts for the month were:

Gift shop sales	\$4,743.25
Studio sales	\$2,509.00
Show sales	\$ 375.00
Class Fees	\$ 566.00

She presented the 2019 exhibit schedule and new events planned. Sheila stated that the 2019 focus would be on publicizing the arts center as a community resource for all Smithfield and Isle of Wight residents, make inroads serving the older population in addition to our youth programs, and promote art as a means of entertainment and well-being in addition to those for whom it is a business. The arts center would continue in 2019 as an arts and economic anchor in the 300 Block of Main Street and continue facilitating outdoor arts activities and add new ones. She plans to advocate for an outdoor mural in town.

Don Williams presented February 10 through 23rd as the dates of the next Art For \$100 –Art For Your Sweetheart visual arts Fundraiser. Members will be asked to contribute the art for the sale.

Gary Hess and Earnest White previewed changes for the Art on Tap 2019 Fundraiser for the visual arts, transforming it to Art on the Vine and utilizing nearby Summerwind Vineyard.

Kim Pugh reported that all volunteer slots allotted to the arts league for the BOB Fest have been filled. The Wine Fest in April and the Bacon Fest in October will provide future volunteer opportunities to raise donations for the visual arts. The Arts Center @ 319 and the Sundays At Four programs will each be recipients of \$5,000 grants from SVAE this year.

Kim also reported on the next IWAL Awareness Raising event, the combined IWCS Fine Arts Teachers reception and Chamber Business After Hours, will take place on March 26th from 5:30 to 7 pm.

Newsletter Editor Stephanie Faleski advised arts league members attending that she had created a new IWAL Facebook page and she urged members to visit and contribute their arts items in addition to visiting the Face Book pages each program maintains.

NEW BUSINESS

John Edwards moved that volunteer operations manager Rick Bodson be authorized to disburse funds. Elaine Dairo seconded the motion which passed on unanimous vote.

John Edwards moved that the Arts Center @ 319 continue to lease the location for another year. Gary Hess seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

The president noted that the annual grant application process is underway and recognized the lead grant writers as Gary Hess for the BCAS grant, Kim Pugh for the VCA Creative Community Partnerships grant and Stephanie Faleski for the VCA General Operating Support application.

To facilitate the grant writing, Diane called for each program director to provide new Program Plans and updated Strategic Plans. The Volunteer Hours/In-Kind Donations Reports through December 31, 2018 were requested from each program at the next meeting.

Dru Stowe advised that each program director is responsible for providing acknowledgment letters on program letterhead to their 2018 donors by January 31, 2019 to meet the IRS requirements.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, February 4, 2019, at 6:30 pm in the Arts Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Gwaltney
Interim Secretary