

Call to Order  
Elaine Nunnelly @10:04

Board members stood and were recognized

- Nancy Stark
- Gari Stephenson
  - Recognized for work on current show

Area Representatives stood and were given recognition:

- Angela Shields
- Pat Cook
- David Eakin
- + 2 more

Past meeting minutes were asked to be approved by EN, two members second the motion.

- Nancy Stark answered question about provisional memberships from last year's show to members who live outside but that helped with the VWS exhibition in Winchester. Quick discussion amongst the members.
- Minutes from last year were accepted.

Reports

- EN asked for volunteer for new treasurer for VWS.

#### TREASURER REPORT

INCOME: \$10,323 membership dues  
\$2000 AWARDS  
\$375 LEGAL  
\$72 BOOKS  
\$350 MAIL  
\$85 PRINTING  
\$105 SUPPLIES  
\$76 PO BOX  
\$1000 SEED MONEY  
\$650 WEBSITE

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\$4717.23

\$55,487.99 OPERATING ACCOUNT

Seed money to go into opening account for show to get venues

Question raised by member about moving show around. Planning 3 years in advance for locations, Lorton (2019), Richmond (2020), and so forth.

501 3(c) Status Question: available to give grants to artists.

Balance: gift in the account, line itemed to be given to awards

Motion to accept report, seconded by two members, and accepted by members present unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP: Karen Schwartz

347 members

201 general

128 signature

18 lifetime (75 or older, member for 20 years, signature member for 5 years, dues are waived)

NEW MEMBERS: 40

100 Members in the annual show

6 of which were New Members

52 Previous members did not renew

374 was peak membership (2011 and 2013)

2017 had the lowest number of members

- Must have continuous membership to become signature member, no lapse between the three shows

Postcard question raised about non-painters that are members and allowed to join. History given to the group of how the VWS began and supporters that asked to join.

Survey: was sent out to ask "why are you not renewing?" to 2016, 2015, 2014 members

Responses given: not getting materials, not getting mailings, emails being bounced

Members asked if they want printed materials.

98: mailed copy, paper of waterlog

Group asked for someone to volunteer to do mailer three times a year.

- Jon MoneyMaker volunteered

Creasy Johnson Fund - Susan Stuller in charge

- No applicants this year
- Elaine shared story of being long-term sub and her grant proposal, fast track purchase to be given to the school.
- Encourage others to apply
- Info on website

- Gwen Bragg encouraging people to give info to VAA to apply (Virginia Art Association) committee that reviews grant requests.

New Membership ideas:

- Solicit to art galleries
- Brochures sent to area galleries and art reps
- Area art groups in Richmond asked to come speak about VWS (some push back)

College Scholarships: majoring in art or art education can apply. Do not have to be a member but they need to be VA resident and at a VA school.

Questions about eligibility to apply for Creasy-Johnson Grant:

Feedback: Virginia commonwealth - students given \$2000 each year. Could not limit it to painting. Went to another organization and insisted that the money goes to students who will do art.

Discussion about High School Student

AP: Advance Placement Submission portfolio can get college credit

IB: submit to committee and they get a grade which can count as credit.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Website: call/request to help with website needs

Interest to giving it a new look

Shopify to help re-build it?

40th Annual Exhibit: Lorton/Workhouse (Tammy Wiedenhaefer - in charge)

Exhibition May 2019

Submission Deadline March 2nd

41st Annual Exhibit: Richmond, Historical society invited to reception.

500- People

Need a good turnout

Luncheon at Virginia Museum

Parking - Plenty

Juror - Fred Graff

Adjourned 11:00