

Art Committee Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2022 5:30pm
Town of Jupiter Community Center
200 Military Trail, Jupiter, FL 33458

I CALL TO ORDER: 5:32PM

II ATTENDANCE AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Ms. Brenda Nickolaus, Chairman
Mr. Marc Blatchley
Ms. Elizabeth Dashiell
Ms. Dorothy Katz
Ms. Barbara Lentz
Ms. Robin Neary Estremera-Fitzgerald
Ms. Penny Payne, Vice Chair
Ms. Rose Shaw
Ms. Satu Oksanen - Liaison

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. January 24, 2022 MINUTES Robin made a motion to add Penny's subsequent notes and summary from this meeting to the formal minutes. Elizabeth moved to approve minutes, Barb seconded. Minutes approved.

IV REPORTS:

- a.** Financial - Satu Oksanen: attached print out. As per Town ledger, \$1808.95 spent to date (mostly on Gallery Opening Gala event) \$16000.00 Budget.
- b.** Advertising/Marketing - Nothing new to report.
- c.** NPBCA - Dorothy said they met last Friday in Lake Worth and have new people. She said she emailed the new officers to Satu. (Grant person is new Chair/Contact) - No meeting again until August. palmbeachculture.com Elizabeth is staying on top of them as well.
- d.** AIPP (see "discussion of future projects" under New Business)

V OLD BUSINESS: Checking out the artists and Art for the last show. Need volunteers for shifts: **Checkout will be Tuesday, May 31st (because of the holiday on Monday, the 30th) 10am to 2pm and 4pm to 6pm. Robin and Brenda will do 10-2 and Brenda and Rose will do 4-6.**

VI NEW BUSINESS: a. **Welcome new members: *Rose Shaw***...taught art in Palm Beach County, has art connections here. Mentioned doing Art/teacher shows again as a possibility? Said we should also explore the PB County Art Teachers Assoc. Other new member is *Nicole Kalil* who is not in attendance.

b. Brief discussion around theme for **October Show - the first show after the summer**. Brenda brought up doing something with all the old paintings that have been left over the years in our storage closet - having made numerous attempts at contacting the artists over the years. Could we do a show...like about orphan paintings or have a section for these works of art with no owners in our themed show? "Lost Souls Art" ??? Discussion around possibilities. Brenda will go through the art and see what she has. A theme that has been tossed around in prior meetings is "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil"...and having the opening include "live art", poetry, and out door garden festivities? Not decided and needs further discussion.

c. Discussion about **Future Projects**: First of all, there was a heated discussion around "what our function is" as it relates to the Town Counsel? A workshop with the Art Committee's **Art in Public Places (AIPP)** was on the list, but it WAS NOT chosen as a priority by ANY of the counselors. They were given the opportunity to pick 5 priority projects and our Committee was in the offering, but no-one chose us. THIS brought up the question of what are we doing? We are divided ourselves on this.

Penny offered that Cameron May asked if he could get assigned to our meetings as a liaison who could take "advisory" suggestions from those meetings back to the counsel. She thinks it would be good to have a representative do this. (For the record, Leslie, and others with her on a subcommittee, worked to try to get the Counsel's ear about AIPP with a 5 year plan that was labored over, refined and ready for submission...and they knew we had this and didn't respond. Penny, Marc and Leslie tried...even during the height of the Pandemic...to get them to listen at town meetings and even suggested a roundtable with the community...but nothing. Please NOTE: No committees are allowed to speak at meetings; there has been no mention of Art and Culture at these meetings, and the personal platform - 3 minutes long- is the only place to talk as the public. There, we give advice but they don't seem to listen.

So...it comes back and begs the question : "**What are we doing?**" **Are we even aligned with the strategic initiatives of the Town Counsel?** Town Counsel states that we are "advisory in nature", but there are complaints by some Committee members that **we aren't anything but "event planners"**. Barb mentioned that they don't want to just do "Gallery" art shows. Dorothy made the comment..."

same old, same old"...So, we are back to square one on how to approach this. We DO know we want art and culture in our community and that's why we're here.

Elizabeth proposed that we have an additional meeting before we take a break during the summer. She brought up **June 20th** and Brenda suggested making it at **6:00 in lieu of 5:30** so we don't conflict with summer camp kids. The "when" is still in question, but Elizabeth made a motion to have the additional meeting, and Barb seconded it.

VII HARBORSIDE - Brenda Nickolaus: Nothing New to report.

VIII REMARKS A suggestion was made to "take money out of the equation" when trying to accomplish our goals with the Town Counsel. Just state the THINGS we want to do and have them figure out how to pay forth. Penny will write a memo to that effect to run by our group.

Additionally, with newer members, we should start thinking about re-organizing Committee positions for the Fall.

IX DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING:
POSSIBLE NEXT MEETING: June, 20, 2022 at 6:00pm

X MEETING ADJOURNED: Brenda made a motion to adjourn, Robin seconded. Meeting adjourned @ 7:20pm