

Summit Art Membership Meeting  
July 13, 2020 6:15 p.m.  
ZOOM

The meeting opened with a short networking time where members introduced themselves and gave a brief summary of their backgrounds.

Sharon Wagner presented the program “Meet our 2020 Scholarship Winners”. Art from the four scholarship winners, Ann Elizabeth McCord (LSN), Benjamin Snell (LSHS), Danielle Lauren Dean (Summit Art Academy), and Olivia Willard (LSW) was presented through a PowerPoint presentation.

Teddy Jackson called the business meeting to order. She announced that all officer positions were open for nominations and encouraged members to consider serving in one of these positions.

Jody Fristoe gave the financial report. Overall, Summit Art has a balance of \$24,707.66 in the checking account. According to the YTD records through May, income is behind \$11,412.25 from what was budgeted. This deficit is partly due to the closing of galleries due to CoVid. It was expected to make up income in the fall with the festival and with the reopening of the galleries in St. Luke’s and Unity.

Teddy reviewed the activities of the Development Committee. She briefly outlined the work being done with Bob Glaser and John Shehane to create a comprehensive development plan designed to build the organization’s financial future. They plan to apply for funds through Truman Heartland to cover the costs of the outside consultation fees.

Teddy summarized the work of the Governance and the Nominating committees. She emphasized the role of the Governance committee in making sure the organization is in compliance with our Bylaws and 501c.3 requirements. She emphasized the priority of the Nominating committee is to identify and recruit potential members with skills vital for the functioning of the organization.

The next item on the agenda was reports from the committees. A representative from each of the committees gave a brief summary of the scope and priorities of their committee. These are summarized in the chart that appeared in the last Newsletter. All chairmen emphasized their need for more members. Specific instructions on how to join a committee will be on the website. Additional comments included: Barb Byrne reported that St. Luke's is still closed and that featured artists are able to rotate art on a monthly basis following strict CoVid guidelines. Jody Fristoe is currently still planning on the festival taking place next October. The Board is waiting on data from the City of Lee's Summit and Jackson County before it will decide whether or not to have the festival. Barb Byrne announced that the Jury Committee is changing the procedure for jurying new members moving to an online process. Sharon Wagner summarized the programs planned for the coming year and possible educational opportunities included in a Plein Air event targeted for the spring.

Announcements were then made:

MOSCA EVENT—Contact Wanda Davenport if you are interested in supporting this event by donating pieces of art to be sold in their fundraiser.  
FEATURED ARTIST OF THE MONTH—Phil Julo. His art will be featured at St. Luke's.

PHOTOGRAPHER' AND FRIENDS—July 23 for BridgeSpace. Contact Tom Mallot if interested.

FINE ART FORUM—Stephen Stauffer from Utah will be featured on August 1, 2020 from 10 a.m. to noon. Contact Teddy Jackson.

Under Old Business, Jody brought up the changes in the plans of the Festival that will be required by CoVid restrictions. She shared that we are currently under Phase 2.5 of the reopening process. This requires events such as the Festival to be limited to 100 participants at a time with entrances to the event equipped to monitor these numbers. Two similar events, the Octoberfest and the ChiliFest have already been cancelled.

It was suggested that instructions for how to use ZOOM be reissued to the membership.

The next meeting is August 10, 2020 on ZOOM.

Teddy adjourned the meeting.