

Minutes of the 14 May 2025 Fort Myers Beach Art Association Board Meeting.

Board Meeting was held via Zoom video conference.

The zoom meeting was called to order by President Star Sherwood Board of Directors. The following were present:

Attendees		Board Members Not in Attendance
Current Board Members	Members/Guests	
Star Sherwood	Joan Zeoli	Sheri Fisher
Julie Nusbaum	Jan Frish	Claire St. Louis
Steve Eaton	Helen Kinkin	
Kathy Taylor	Joann Lapadula	
Suzan Lanz		
Sheri Fisher		
Sue Simoneau		
Clair St. Louis		
Carol Baskin		
Michele Buelow		
Kathy Summer		
Terry Rehnborg		

Secretary’s Report

Motion to accept last 9 April 2025 meeting minutes with the following changes:

1. Write out the days the gallery is not open
2. Fix Terry’s last name
3. Add Helen was present at the meeting
4. Add the net amount the art bazaar earned
5. Correct that Joanne and Sheri Fisher are managing the cards for the Islander over the summer months.

Kathy Taylor 1st, Steve Eaton 2nd, none opposed.

Post meeting note: V2 was edited to V3 based on the above changes and finalized.

Treasurer’s Report & 990

Steve Eaton provided the 990 to the BOD prior to this meeting. **A motion** to accept the 990 and file. 1st Michele Buelow, 2nd Kathy Taylor, none opposed.

The report and financials were briefly discussed and accepted. **A motion** to accept the report and financials was granted. 1st Suzan Lanz, 2nd Kathy Summers, none opposed.

Committee Reports

Kathy Taylor is taking over as the Membership chair. Sixteen (16) new members have joined since the last BOD meeting. Our membership is currently at 122 members. We want to keep membership so we are working towards new and continuous activities to engage each member.

Please ensure to include Helen Kinkin regarding any additional calendar and activities as she maintains and updates all items on the website.

Each of us should assist new members and make them comfortable. A suggestion is that in the fall we want to recognize new members and redo these activities for subsequent new members approximately every 4 months.

Short Workshop Committee

A newly formed short workshop committee has been formed and Jan Frish is the new Chair.

New Business

FMB Community Foundation

Star asked the foundation to consider FMBAA to be a recipient of funds and provided details on what FMBAA does and what we stand for in particular this year the assistance we provided the school as well as the student awards fund. As such FMBAA was given \$3000 which is restricted to student programs.

Policy Manual

Star will send out the current versions of the Policy Manual and Bylaws for your review and edits.

The policy manual has been revised and we ask that the BOD review and finalize at the next BOD meeting. As the policy manual incorporates already approved motions it does not need to be voted on but your review is appreciated. **Action Item: All BOD to review and provided edits for next meeting.**

By-Laws

The bylaws were updated, changed and distributed and will be voted and approved by the next BOD meeting. **Action Item: All BOD to review and provided edits for next meeting.**

The website will be updated once these documents are finalized and available to all. These are public documents.

There will be a binder at the Gallery reception desk with each Job Description and responsibilities, the bylaws and policy manual.

Terry R mentioned “transparency” and it will be discussed at the next Audit team meeting.
Action Item: Terry to discuss at Audit meeting.

Gallery Grand Opening

The grand opening is planned for November 1, 2025 and a new committee is needed, we are looking for volunteers. Star will send an email to members with expectations and parameters. Joanne L would like to be on the committee. In addition, we will unveil new mini’s at that time. Experimental days of mini masters making should be planned (e.g. October 21).

A suggestion was proposed to supply photo references for optional subject matters to keep on theme “coastal/beachy”.

Summer Exhibits

The board had a lengthy discussion regarding including photography into one or more shows at the gallery. As such the group agreed to add “Anything Goes” to the calendar of exhibits. However, it was agreed that it is important that we identify the types of art we accept and what we do not allow, while it is on the prospectus for shows, it is not identified elsewhere. **Action Item: Michele Buelow to write up what we accept for regular shows and for “anything goes” show and work with Helen for wording to be included on website and in policy manual. Please ensure that description of greeting cards is also included.**

Parade and Lanterns for The Whale

Star asked the group if we would like to host a parade and lantern show along with The Whale on November 15 at dusk. The group requested additional information on what would be required for this event. But suggested a workshop should be planned for making lanterns if required.

The group also requested that we add Art Devine to next year’s calendar (pre-Christmas time)

Motion to Adjourn 1st Michele Buelow, 2nd Kathy Summers, none opposed.