

Minutes of the 27 Aug 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	Helen Kinkin	Sheri Fisher
Julie Nusbaum	Joann Lapadula	Clair St. Louis (excused)
Steve Eaton	Jan Frisch	
Kathy Taylor		
Suzan Lanz		
Sue Simoneau		
Carol Baskin		
Michele Buelow		
Kathy Summer		
Terry Rehnborg		

Quorum Established

Motion to approve 11 June 2025 V2 BOD meeting minutes. 1st Michele Buelow, 2nd Julie Nusbaum, none opposed.

Motion to approve July 2025 Treasurer Reports. 1st Kathy Taylor, 2nd Carol Baskin, none opposed.

Membership

Kathy Taylor presented graphs on membership, prior to Covid and Hurricane Ian in 2019, we had 188 members of which, 35 were full time Floridians. Currently our membership is 135 of which 65% are full time Floridians. Michele mentioned that the BOD should be more represented by FT members and we should consider this as Directors come off the board.

New Members only who join on or after October 1, 2025, will pay the 2026 dues amount of \$75.00 which will allow them to have a 15 month membership.

This will increase the paypal charge for those who sign up via our website. **Action Item:** Steve will report to Helen and Star the charge so that they can update the website and form, respectively.

Our Property on Fort Myers Beach

The question was posed if we could potentially earn extra income by renting out property for e.g. contractor staging of supplies. We need to understand the tax implications as well as impact on liability insurance, having a lease drawn up and what type of permits would be required. *Action Item:* Star will wait until she is back for the season and then look into the town requirements. *Action Item:* Steve will check tax and insurance requirements.

We will keep discussions open on to what we can do with the land. Selling it is not a consideration at this time.

Steve reminded the group that our [REDACTED] in investments yields us approximately [REDACTED] per year and funds our ability to rent in Cypress Square.

If we would like to revisit fundraising for rebuilding on FMB, we will put it on the applicable Board Meeting Agenda as needed. The group agreed to add it to the October BOD meeting agenda.

The group asked how the FMB Women's Club was doing pursuing their rebuild activities, Star pointed out that they have a new president and they are not focusing on any collaborations at this time.

Cypress Square Gallery Hours

The Board confirmed that the hours for the upcoming Winter season will remain as previously decided. Will revisit the hours once we are in full swing and see if we need to tweak them based on the amount of walk ins we get.

Motion: the upcoming Winter season hours remain as:

Monday – Wednesday 10am to 3pm
Thursday – Saturday 12 noon to 6pm
Closed Sunday

1st Carol Baskin, 2nd Suzan Lanz, none opposed.

BOD Meetings

The group discussed the board meetings date and time and due to many factors, decided to change the date and time each month. **Motion:** Change the BOD meeting to 2nd Thursday's of the month in the mornings from 10 am to 12 noon. The meetings will be held

either by Zoom or at the Gallery (or both) unless there is a conflict then it will be held offsite starting in October 2025 (and via Zoom). 1st Steve Eaton, 2nd Carol Baskin, none opposed.

Motion to skip the September BOD meeting, as the August meeting was delayed. 1st Carol Baskin, 2nd Terry Rehnborg, none opposed.

Other Large Meetings

The Holiday mixer, membership meetings will require an RSVP. Star will manage the invites and sign up sheets.

Media Open House for the 75th Celebration

The Publicity Committee is meeting regularly and are developing a press kit, inviting media, looking for TV, Bloggers, etc. exposure. The Media Open House will be held at 10am on October 31, 2025.

Motion: Approve a fund of \$200 for the Media Open House, 1st Michele Buelow, 2nd Steve Eaton, none opposed.

For the 75th Celebration

A flyer has been developed, the committee will solicit sponsorship for the event.

Sand Sculpting Event

FMBA will set up a tent and sell mini Masters on 24 November. Dana will provide the tent weights required. Someone will need to get a fire extinguisher for the tent. **Action Item:** Kathy Summer will contact Jackie (the event coordinator) regarding the parking lot and how that works. Please get details to Star by September 5, 2025. The Plein Air Team will try to participate, and Star will provide details as to where we can set up the tent, etc...

Putt and Pub Event on FMB in January (sponsored by the Women's Club)

Action Item: Star to talk with Pam & Tom and find out more information.

Christmas Tree Fest

Laura Black is the coordinator of this event for FMBA. The theme is "Turtles in Paradise"

Art Divine

There will be a 20% commission on all items sold and there will be a \$10 fee to enter the show.

Website

Helen is revamping the website. The board briefly reviewed it and provided mostly very positive feedback. **Action Item:** Board members to review and provide feedback to Helen if there are any issues.

Motion to adjourn: 1st Kathy Summers, 2nd Julie Nusbaum, none opposed. Time 2:08pm