

Minutes of the 10 April 2025 Fort Myers Beach Art Association Member Meeting.

Member Meeting was held in person at United Church of Christ, 8210 College Pkwy, Fort Myers. 12:45 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 12:57pm by President Star Sherwood.

A quorum of members was present.

A big thank you to Becky Bott for donating all the tasty deserts!

Motion to approve the previous year’s April Membership meeting: 1st Kathy Taylor, 2nd Jeanne Raimondi, none opposed.

Treasurers Report-

Steve Eaton summarized out financial status. Our fiscal year just ended March 31, 2025. Our intake was \$108K with approximately \$30K in donations and \$25K in fundraising activities. We earned approximately \$45K in investment income and we spent \$17K. As such our positive net for the year was around \$91K. We have \$350K in Schwab and \$969699.96 in government bonds.

Steve also presented that moving forward payments to artists will be via Zelle, and a handout on “how to” was provided who needed it.

Star went over the current BOD members

List of Directors for 2025/2026:

Executive BOD	Board Members
Star Sherwood (1)	Carol Baskin (2)
Julie Nusbaum (2)	Sheri Fischer (2)
Suzan Lanz (2)	Kathy Taylor (1)
Steve Eaton	Sue Simoneau (1)
	Michele Buelow (2)
	Terry Rehnborg (3)
	Claire St. Louis (1)
	Kathy Summer (1)

Several motions were voted and approved in the BOD meeting the prior day such as:

- The proposed budget was approved.
- Future BOD meetings will move from 1st Wednesdays to 2nd Wednesday of the month.
- Membership levels were dissolved and annual membership dues will be raised to \$75 starting January 1, 2026. Lifetime Members: All current lifetime members will be grandfathered, and all future Presidents will be granted Lifetime Member status.
- Commission paid to FMBAA for Gallery shows will remain at 20%, unless otherwise specified.
- We will sell Greeting Cards at the new Gallery. We will also sell Greeting Cards at the Islander in Santini Plaza FMB (see further details below)
- We will sell Mini Masters for \$20. Please see Kathy Taylor or Christine Music for sales of Minis or Greeting Cards.
- Approved new Gallery Hours (see details below)

Committee Chair

Star discussed the current gaps we have in Committee chairs. They are as follows:

1. Art Council Delegate
2. Fundraising and Grants Chairperson
3. Short Workshop Chairperson. Star, Julie and Jan will be the temporary co-chairs until a chairperson is found.

Procedure for any planned fundraisers, events, or other activities involving the FMBAA Effective May 2025:

All ideas/plans for any FMBAA event and/or activities must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors for approval prior to any monies being spent or detailed planning of the event. The submission must include the following:

1. Estimated cost of the entire event (including FMBAA costs, donations, any other monies);
2. Committee Chair and other committee members names for the event;
3. Details regarding place, date(s), time, and approval from any other entities involved;
4. Cross-check of FMBAA calendar and community calendar.

New Gallery

Our soft opening will be May 1, 2025. A reception will be held from 4 to 6 pm.

The new Gallery hours will be as follows:

In Season (October 15 to April 14)

- Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday = 10 am to 3pm
- Thursday, Friday & Saturday = noon to 6pm
- Sunday closed

Off Season (April 15 to October 14)

- Thursday, Friday & Saturday = noon to 6pm
- Sunday closed

Greeting Card Sales at the Islander

An outcome of the Art Bazaar at Santini Plaza is Ms. Anita Cereceda, owner of The Islander Gift Shop in Santini Plaza has offered to sell FMBAA artists cards. Each 5 x 7" card will sell for \$7.45 (tax included). If interested, please see Julie Nusbaum or JoAnn Lapadula for further details.

FMB Library - Chris Woodring will be the Chairperson responsible to managing the intake and inventory of artwork from FMBAA members on display at the FMB Library.

Website – We would like to thank Tom Flaherty for his 10+ years of efforts as Webmaster and welcome Helen Kinkin as our new Webmaster.

Student Awards Coordinator – We would like to thank Bev Silva for all her years as the student awards coordinator and we would like to welcome Claire St. Louis into this role going forward.

We would also like to acknowledge Joan Zeoli for her service as President of FMBAA. We thank you for all your efforts.