

Minutes of the 5 March 2025 Fort Myers Beach Art Association Board Meeting.

Board Meeting was held in person at United Church of Christ, 8210 College Pkwy, Fort Myers. 1pm.

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Zeoli Board of Directors. The following were present:

Attendees	
Joan Zeoli	Star Sherwood
Carol Baskin	Michele Buelow
Steve Eaton	Julie Nusbaum
Kathy Summer	Kathy Taylor
Suzan Lanz	Floyd Lawrence
Laura Black	Clair St. Louis
Helen Kinkin	Bev Silva

Treasurers Report

Motion to accept the Treasures Report: 1st Kathy Taylor, 2nd Carol Baskin, none opposed. Our income to date is \$105,911.41

Proposed Budget for April 2025 – March 2026

The budget was reviewed and discussed, in particular that Star and Claire St. Louis will work on securing one or two sponsors for each show. Shows at a new leased space will come out of the budget.

Expenses include 3% charge for all credit card purchases as well as 2.5% for use of the Square device. The group discussed adding the 3% surcharge back to CC patrons. No vote was yet decided.

The safety box was emptied and a letter with listed contents was sent to Audit Chair, Suzan Lanz, for documentation for upcoming fiscal Audit. Steve Eaton currently has the contents of the Safety Deposit Box.

The BOD discussed the necessity of disaster plan as well as clear understanding of where documents and capital inventory is held as well as updating the by-laws and policy manual. This activities will need to be worked on in the coming months.

The recent promotional expense was for the upcoming Art Bazaar. An advertisement was published in the ShrimpFest book, as well as in the Observer and an additional sign was ordered to be placed by the road for the day of the Art Bazaar.

Secretary's Report

Two corrections are required to the previous minutes, correction is Julie Nusbaum and Michele Buelow are in Year 2 of their BOD term. **Motion** to accept as corrected: 1st Kathy Taylor, 2nd Carol Baskin, none opposed.

Leasing Unit 1 in Cypress Square on McGregor Blvd.

Request for votes by the member was distributed via email. Responses were as follows: 58 responses out of all members, 2 no's and 56 yes votes. We needed to obtain votes from a majority of the members which would be ≥ 52 . Subsequently the Letter of Intent was negotiated and approved by the BOD, the first draft of the lease was received and is pending review from the BOD and the lawyer. Carol Baskin has a recommended lawyer whom she will contact. Action Item: Suzan to send consolidated Word version to Carol for lawyer's review.

Michele Buelow presented the potential design of the new space as well as signage. Suzan and Star will meet and identify roles and responsibilities for the new space and map out a plan.

Change in Date for next BOD meeting and Member Meeting

Due to a few participants conflicts, the BOD meeting will be held on 9 April 2025 and the next member meeting will be held on 10 April 2025.

Membership

There are currently 104 members, 6 new in February and mostly joined due to the workshops.

Approval of the new Executive Board for April 1, 2025

President	Star Sherwood
Vice President	Julie Nusbaum
Treasurer	Steve Eaton
Recording Secretary	Suzan Lanz

Motion to approve: 1st Kathy Summer, 2nd Helen Kinkin, none opposed.

Cypress Lake HS Art Award Ceremony

February 28, 2025 was the HS Art Award Ceremony, this year there was one additional award "craft guild" which someone outside of FMBAA donated funds for the award. The

BOD discussed that we can edit the award individual amounts as long as the total remains the same.

Open House at the Church

The Open House had great demos! Thank you to all that demonstrated their craft.

Upcoming Art Bazaar at Santini Plaza

16 March 2025 from 9 to 3 at Santini Plaza- 15 artists will be selling original art and cards. There is still 5 spaces available. One central cashier will be utilized. The board thanks the tireless efforts of Michele Buelow for planning this event.

Shows

2025 Spring Show

February 11th, 2025 through March 11th, 2025, First Presbyterian – Bonita Springs
To date – 5 pieces have sold.

Upcoming Summer Show

This show will be held at the Tribby Art Center at Shell Point. Drop off is May 12. Helen needs 65 pieces for this show. The show runs May 17 to July 19. Every piece must be for sale, 40% commission (30% to Tribby, 10% to FMBAA). There is no entry fee and it is not judged or juried.

Next Season Shows:

Helen currently has two shows planned; Fall at Arts Bonita and Winter at Cape Coral. The receiving committee is doing an excellent job. There are open positions in the Hanging Committee, if interested please contact Helen.

Upon further discussion from the BOD we would like to continue to participate in shows regardless of having our own space. We thank Helen for all her efforts in managing these shows!

Art Council of SW Florida

The ACSWFL needs board members, if you are interested in participating please go to their website. Arlene has resigned as FMBAA representative for the ACSWFL and as such we need a new representative. **Action Item:** Star will discuss with potential members.

FMB Library

The library has contacted us regarding hanging art on 2 interior walls on the first level of the library. It is estimated that this space can hold up to 30 paintings, however we need a volunteer to coordinate the process, rotations, and oversee the activities year round. Each painting will require a label with Name of Artist, Title of Art, Cost and Phone number taped

to the back of the art work. Patrons will need to reach out directly to the artist for purchase.

Motion to close the meeting: 1st Helen Kinkin, 2nd Kathy Summers, none opposed.