

Minutes of the 23 October 2024 Fort Myers Beach Art Association Board Meeting.

Board Meeting was held via ZOOM video/telephone conference at 1:00 p.m.

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

Attendees	
Joan Zeoli	Helen Kinkin
Pam Flaherty	Tom Flaherty
Michele Buelow	Julie Nusbaum
Sue Simoneau	Star Sherwood
Carol Baskin	Steve Eaton
Daria Friel	Laura Black
Kathy Taylor	Marie Crist (via zoom)
Suzan Lanz	Kathy Summer (via zoom)
Joann Lapadula	Arlene Stigum (via zoom)
	Sharon Hegstrom (via Zoom)

1. FEMA – the application is currently on hold as there needs to be a commitment from FMBA, however due to future rebuilding timing and uncertainty, we may not be able to obtain funds from FEMA. We will further discuss at our next meeting and make a formal vote if we will cancel the FEMA application.
2. Secretary’s report - Suzan Lanz is delayed until next meeting.
3. Treasurer’s Report - - Steve Eaton provided the treasurers report.
 - a. Noted that \$400 was used to clean up the lot. It is FMBA obligation to maintain the lot and therefore we will be required to clean it on an ad hoc basis.
 - b. The monthly expenses of the lot are minimal, just water/sewer at approx. \$95/month
 - c. The \$200K CD is up for renewal on November 17, discuss in the next meeting to decide if this CD should be changed or just rolled over to the same parameters.
 - d. Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report: Helen Kinkin, 2nd Carol Baskin, no apposed.
4. ACSWF – Arlene Stigum spoke regarding the art councils BOD openings and will distribute the open job descriptions.

5. Audit Committee Report – Helen Kinkin presented the summary of the audit report which will go to all the members of FMBAA at the next membership meeting (currently scheduled for February 2025)
 - e. The by-laws will be discussed in the next meeting.
6. Education Coordinator/Short Workshops – Julie Nusbaum
 - a. Six workshops are currently planned this season, all to be held at the church.
7. Exhibitions – Helen Kinkin briefly discussed the recent success of the “Daydreaming” show at Alliance for the Arts. There were 87 entries!
 - a. The next show will be at Gallery in the round, the entry form is open.
8. Newsletter — Sue Simoneau is successfully generating the newsletter regarding the upcoming news, events, requests, etc.
9. Investment (aka Endowment) – Kathy Taylor reported on the endowment as of today is \$948,548.67
10. Fundraising – Marie Crist reported that FMBAA has not received any contributions from the 50 letters that were sent out a few months ago. Please see fundraising report for further details.
11. Grants – Pam Flaherty discussed the open grant and that it is not applicable as we do not have a physical space on the island to impact visitor’s experiences. This year’s allocation did not have website redesign money, but the staff said we could amend our request. They would decide then whether to approve it. Sue Simoneau explored the possibility and amending the grant, it was determined by Sue and Pam due to paperwork and effort it was not worth the ask for the money. We could finance any web expenses ourselves.
12. Historian – Donna Bergeron – no update at this time.
13. Hospitality-- Daria Friel will reach out to Mina to discuss hospitality plans and pot lucks.
14. Christmas Tree Fundraiser – Daria, Star. This year’s Christmas Tree (a Palm Tree donated by Daria) will be themed “Joy to the World”.
 - a. We are looking for donations such as scratch off lottery tickets, alcohol, gift cards, etc. The color scheme is Red, Green and Gold.
 - b. In addition to donations, we also need on theme ornaments. Please join in at the church Tuesday or Thursdays to make ornaments.
 - c. All donations and ornaments must be completed and given to Daria or Star by December 5.

- d. In addition to our Christmas Tree; FMB Blinds has donated a tree to us so we will have two trees at the event. This tree will theme is beachy with colors in Turquoise and Coral. All proceeds from the sale of this tree will be donated to FMBAA. All ornaments must be completed by December 5.
15. Membership — Star Sherwood presented membership, 114 members, please note membership fees are due December 30.
- a. Both the Publicity management and Website management positions are required. We thank Pam and Tom for all their efforts over these many years! Tom Flaherty will complete his term for 2024-25.
 - b. The website is on a Wordpress platform. Sheri Haney, former member, may be available to assist, however will charge a fee. Dana Enders has offered to assist, but further discussions are needed.
16. Rebuilding – This discussion was postponed and will be planned as soon as additional information is available. Star, Joan and Steve provided a list “FMBAA Future” for discussion during a separate meeting. They will provide updates regarding rebuilding in the next meeting.
17. FMB School – Our Fellow Member, Sherri Fisher, who is a teacher at the FMB school, is in desperate need of supplies for students as they are misplaced due to the recent Hurricanes. There is a donation box at the church for collection of art/craft supplies.
- a. Motion from Steve Eaton to have FMBAA to buy 3 drying racks for FMB elementary school and Sherri Fisher’s classes. 2nd Joan Z. No opposed.
18. Open positions – There are several positions currently open on the Board and will be discussed during the next meeting.
19. Motion to Close the Meeting: Suzan Lanz, 2nd Steve Eaton.
20. Attachments that were provided prior to the meeting and discussed at the meeting

From	File
Suzan Lanz	Agenda
Helen Kinkin	Audit - 2024 Full Audit Summary Report
Helen Kinkin	Audit - Endowment Report for 2024
Helen Kinkin	Audit - Lee County Property Appraiser
Helen Kinkin	Audit - Safe Deposit Box Contents List 2022-10

Helen Kinkin/Steve Eaton	Audit - Treasurer Flow Disbursement
Helen Kinkin/Steve Eaton	Audit - Treasurer Flow Income
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Pam Flaherty	2024 2025 Fort Myers Beach Art Association and GalleryPacket (1)
	Award Letter Attractions FY24 25 FortMyersBeachArtAssociation
Pam Flaherty	2024 5 25 Appendix B fillable form(FY22) completed use for 2024 application
Pam Flaherty	2024 5 25 2024 Appendix A Fillable Form with update from nancy, draft 1 with impressions
Marie Crist	Oct 9 Board Fundraising Report MJC
Michele Buelow	October 2024 Rebuild Committee Report
Dana Enders	Plein Air Report 9Oct24
Steve Eaton	SEP TRES REPORT BAL SHEET
Steve Eaton	sept tres rep income statement
Suzan Lanz	Status of Lease space available 9Oct24