

Steamboat Art Museum

Board of Directors Meeting

March 18, 2020 – 4:30 pm All Members Call In

March 19, 2020- 4:30 pm (take 2) All Members Call In

Rod Called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm

Present by phone: Betse Grassby, Chuck Porter, Johannah Hall, Joel Piassick, Karen Piassick,

Franz Hijkoop, Rod Hanna, Deb Olsen, Eric Wilson, Jim Larson, John Fawcett, Melanie Timmons

Absent: Judith Harrington

Approval of minutes: Deb motions to approve, John seconds, members unanimously approve.

Executive Director's report – see attached. Betse asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes. There were none. She reviewed the year end financials.

- Betse noted that with the current state of affairs- Covid-19 related closures, social distancing etc. It has been very productive to collaborate with other arts programs via remote meetings and planning for future collaborations.
- Rod suggested a virtual tour of a museum being listed in the meantime on the website/social media
- Discussed sharing the tour via personal social media and highlighting our favorite paintings with a small blurb- to insight interest

Financial report: Chuck stated that the budget was created before Covid-19 shut downs and was expected as operations as normal. However, the budget/cash sources may be re-forecast and Covid-19 effects on cash uses will reflect immediate trends, staffing, opening and closing the museum, unemployment, wage increases etc. We may call emergency meetings to discuss this over the next few months.

-Joel suggested remembering to budget extra tough given the unpredictable future.

-Betse says the membership is up and we can hope for the plein air event to go on and hopefully for patrons to buy some art as these events continue in the summer.

- With a lot of things up in the air right now, it was suggested to go ahead and consider specifically this budget, put it for approval and plan that it may change over the coming weeks.
- It was noted to leave the staff raises on the budget but not yet to increase salary in this time.

Approval of Budget: Joel motions to approve the budget as presented with any salary increases to be deferred until further discussion. Eric seconds, board approves unanimously.

Marketing report:

- Melanie reported that they most recently considered demo-ing the website and making sure that we have a plan and a good option with ease of use on the back end.
- Making sure design choice and features we want to contain (with or without museum store) will be pertinent.
- Betse is sending out the current Bio list for everyone to double check and make sure it is all up to date.

Collections/Acquisition Report:

John states that the acquisition committee is developing. Joel has agreed and Shirley Stocks is considering. Jim Heckbert (Art Collector) has been contacted and Tim Newton (publisher Western Art and Arch).

Museum is closed until March 31 at the earliest. The ski area is closed for the season. The current exhibit is scheduled to close April 11.

Discussions to consider closing for the duration of the current exhibition and re assessing a new opening date.

5:07pm on 3/18 the connection was not good so the meeting was ended early and it was decided to resume the following day (3/19)

5:07pm on 3/19 the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Johannah Hall, Secretary.