

**MINUTES OF ARTISTS OF STONEBRIDGE MEETING HELD JANUARY 20TH
AT MINTO RECREATION COMPLEX BARRHAVEN, ECHO ROOM, 2ND FLOOR**

Meeting started: 7:05pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard, Nicole, Rachel, Sarah, Maureen Sullivan Wong, Jean, Sue, Judy, Majeed, Kate, Taghrid, Caddie, Nano, Tom, Elizabeth and Sylvia

REGRETS: Moe, Tony, Karen, Giorgio, Alice, Pasha, Deanna, Martin, Mervet, Jane, Allie and Jess

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Sylvia/Richard
The Agenda and minutes of last meeting, November 18th were approved.

FINANCE: Nicole

- **Art Sales:** Nicole advised the members that she has developed a ledger to keep track of all art sales.
 - It is the members' responsibility to advise the Coordinator of the venue when a painting has been sold.
- **Coordinator's Budgets:** Nicole asked all coordinators to present their budget, and to send Nicole their forecast by February 10th.
 - If individual members have any other requests they should send them to Nicole.
- **Sponsorships:** Nicole stressed that the previous sponsors from last year have to be approached again to ensure their continued support. She also suggested that the members go to other resources for funds, after clearing it with the Executive.

ART SHOWS: Moe/Rachel

- **Spring Show:** Rachel advised the members that there will be no 'Spring Show' this year. This decision was made by the Art Show and Sale Committee and agreed to by the Executive.
- **Fall Show:** There will be a Fall Show and the dates for this are **November 5th and 6th**. The Show will again be held at the MRCB.

MEMBERSHIP: Alice/Richard

- **Discount Partners:** Richard advised the members that with a membership card AOS members would be entitled to discounts from the following discount partners:
 - 1) De Serres 10%
 - 2) Telco 40-50% off custom framing
 - 3) Wallack's 10%
 - 4) Koyman's Gallery 40% off custom framing
- **Membership Cards:** Alice, Chair of Membership, will be preparing the membership cards for our members. On the card will appear our AOS logo, membership name and expiry date. This will be done as soon as possible to allow members to take advantage of any discounts.
 - Richard mentioned if any member has other ideas regarding discount partners to please advise him.
- **Pricing Cards:** Richard advised the members that all Coordinators will now be in charge of the supply of cards and will be responsible for completing either by hand or printing when possible.

WEBSITE UPDATE: Sarah/Kate

- Sarah advised that they have now changed our provider to 'Host Papa'. Kate will be looking into the building of the website. The 2 yr cost starting February 1st, 2016 is \$145.
- Richard advised that the Tech Group will be meeting again to discuss the process of building the website and will come back to the Executive in May regarding their results in the turnover of the host provider.

EVENTS: Rachel

- Rachel presented to the members a new 2016 Calendar identifying AOS Meeting and Hanging Schedule for all Venues. A copy of the 'calendar' was given to each member in attendance. (Please see attached PDF file of the Calendar for your reference.)
- It was noted that all artwork must be the original artwork of a member of the Artists of Stonebridge.
- Rachel reviewed the installation schedule of artwork for all venues with the members outlining what the 'artist responsibilities' and the Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator responsibilities are now.
- Members will be advised of all changeovers coming up by the bi-monthly agendas and when necessary by the Coordinators.

Contacts: Rachel MacDonald is the Artists of Stonebridge Events Coordinator responsible for all exhibits and events with the exception of the Fall Art Show. She will advise the Coordinator of the venue when a painting is sold and in turn the Coordinator will advise the artist. The artist can then contact the purchaser and make their own arrangements regarding the sale. Please note that the Coordinator has to be advised when you are retrieving the painting in order that the space will be filled either by the artist who sold the painting or another artist. The artist should not remove the painting unless all of these steps have been done.

MEETING WITH NEPEAN MP: Rachel/Richard

- Richard reviewed with the members the outcome of Rachel and his meeting with the MP Chandra Arya and his Assistant on January 19th, 2016.
- Unfortunately the MP has no funds for the purchase of art but would be interested in having AOS exhibit artwork on an ongoing basis at both his Parliamentary and Constituency offices in the same manner as we do at the MRCB, BVR, RBC, Second Cup, etc.
- The Executive is in agreement that this would be a beneficial venue for our group to pursue.
- Richard advised the members that he will coordinate this venue and Judy will assist. It is noted here that Elizabeth has volunteered to assist as well if and when required.
- Richard has sent an email to the MP's assistant to confirm that we could begin installing artwork the following week.
- They have agreed to have our Artists of Stonebridge poster. It was noted that the sign must be 'bilingual' in the MP's office. The poster will be 8 ½" x 11" the same as all our posters.
- It is noted that Jan Harder was the person who suggested to the MP that he should contact our group.

Action: Richard will send an email to Jan Harder expressing our appreciation for recommending our group to MP Chandra Arya.

- **Special Thank You:** Richard wished to acknowledge Caddie for pulling together the presentation which was presented at the MP'S meeting. It was professionally done and will now provide our group with a foundation to pursue other opportunities as they arise.

FUTURE MEETING FOCUS: Richard

- Richard discussed with the members four events for future meetings as follows:
 - 1) This evening: "Swap and Sale".
(It was suggested that the members could bring to each meeting anything you wish to donate or sell).
 - 2) March "Brushes and Mediums"
 - 3) June "Critique Night"
 - 4) September "Pricing and Marketing Art"

OTHER BUSINESS: All

- **Artist's Dinner January 27th at the BVR** - Maureen Sullivan Wong
 - Everyone is welcome to this social event. Advise Maureen if you will be attending.
- **Montreal Visit** - Tom Capewell
 - The visit to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts to see of "Age of Jazz" exhibit is a go and there will be 4 members making the trip.
- **Framing Workshop** - Richard
 - The workshop will take place on June 4th at the home of Richard.

FUTURE ITEMS EXPRESSED ROUND THE TABLE:

- 1) Nicole suggested we look into information regarding copyrights and sales.
- 2) Sue is looking for small paintings for Chapman Mills venue, to be dropped off at Sue's by February 1st.
- 3) Judy suggested that we should increase our publicity by facebook, twitter, i.e. you tell a friend and they tell their friends.....
- 4) Caddie would like to have information for Facebook. Send photos of your artwork at different locations and she will put them on Facebook.
- 5) Nano enquired regarding the Studio Rental, if members would be interested in continuing on after the March rental. She will have to know soon because she has to submit another application to the City.
- 6) D-Rings and wire needed. Mervet is away and Sue has volunteered to look after this.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

NEXT MEETING: March 16th at MRCB at 7:00pm. The new room location will be advised in Agenda for the March meeting.