



Oceanside Community Arts Council

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Oceanside Community Arts Council Annual General Meeting September 16, 2009

Merry called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present at the Meeting: Merry Hallsor, Jean Fitzpatrick, Jim Varney, Valerie Dare, Bill Friesen, Ed Varney, Jenny Tindall, Lauren Sabine, Lauren Setiao, Marci Katz, David Fraser, Anita Roy, Mehdi Naimi, Allan Watson, Les Crimp, Nadia Shworan, Bashir Naimi-Roy, Nathanielle Matias-Mole.

Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting of September 17, 2008 were read. Under Election of Officers a correction was made in correcting Andrea Kennedy's name. Les Crimp moved that the minutes be adopted as corrected, seconded by Marci Katz – carried.

Treasurer's Report: (see att.) Jim Varney presented the report which was circulated.

Motion: A motion was made by Jenny Tindall to return to Greg Sabo as our auditor. Seconded by Bill Friesen – carried.

Budget: (see att.) We have a deficit budget for 2010, but it could possibly change.

Membership:

- a) **New Membership Structure** (see att.) Lauren Sabine presented the New Membership structure for the OCAC and explained the concept.

Motion: Jim Varney moved to accept the new membership structure as presented, seconded by Bill Friesen – carried.

President's Report: (see att.) A review of the events that occurred at the OCAC in the past year was presented.

Administrator's Report: (see att.) Lauren Sabine presented information on what has occurred in the OCAC in the past few months.

- a) Internet: the OCAC now has a Facebook presence that is maintained on regular bases which is utilized to advertise our events.
- b) Parking: which has been a long standing issue, is an ongoing problem, but the co-owners PCACL have agreed that on our very busy days their staff will find alternate parking.
- c) McMillan upgrades: the city has informed that these upgrades may begin in the spring of 2010, and the generally more pleasing appearance will benefit the OCAC.
- d) Gallery committee: Jeff Westnedge, Wayne Cameron and Lynn Bieber-Weir have agreed to take over the Gallery Committee from Ed Varney and Bill Friesen.

Gallery Report: (see att.)

- a) In the past year 31 exhibits were presented in the three OCAC Galleries, including 5 guest artists. Sales were in: 14 Photographs, 2 international Small in



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Nature, We are Assembled, Beauties of Oceanside, 1x1x\$100.00 (18 sold) and Xmas show/sale.

- b) The improvements to the facility were noted as well as our appreciation of the generous support of Joe Cunningham Ford.
- c) The general quality of the works being shown continues to be of a high standard.
- d) Ed Varney spoke of Bill Friesen and Marci Katz bringing in the Mayworks 5 years ago, which included an art exhibition, film, music, stories and songs, the empty bowl soup kitchen, which has all been a great success. Ed then presented Bill with a Lifetime membership for his 17 years of dedication to the OCAC.

Building: (see att.)

- a) Jim said the building is in reasonable condition but could use a coat of paint which would roughly run \$20,000 - \$30,000.
- b) The ramp needs another coating process as the current one is not holding up.
- c) We need to look into a grant from BC Hydro to change the spotlights to compact florescence.

Election of Officers: Jenny Tindall conducted the nominations for all positions. The slate of Directors was presented as follows:

President	Merry Hallsor
Vice President	Valerie Dare
Secretary	Jean Fitzpatrick
Treasurer	Larry Fogg

Directors at Large:

Hilary Bedigan
Les Crimp
Andrea Kennedy
Lauren Setiao
Anita Roy

All positions were filled by acclamation.

New Business:

- a) Anita Roy thanked the OCAC for the past privileges that they enjoyed, and went on to explain their circumstances with the OCAC.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8 pm. Moved by Les Crimp, seconded by Marci Katz.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served while everyone enjoyed listening to David Fraser talk about "Wordworx" and present a selection of his poetry.