



## Board Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2018, 10:15am to 12:15pm  
at the Mountain Resource Center  
25380 Franklin Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549

**Attendees:** Donna Elliot, Eric Yandell, Cyn Grady, Rob Padilla, Holly Parsons, Desert Chavez, [Peter excused].

**Guests:** David Roy and Forest Folk: Reba Coulter, Ira Chomsky, Braden Diotte

**Members:** Martha Lumina

### Reports

1. Volunteer Hours

Rob - 24

Holly - 55

Cyn - 5

Donna - 120

Eric - 20

2. **Treasurer's Report (Peter Szabadi)**

Peter is working with the bookkeeper to produce the January Treasurer's Report and the reports for the Annual Members Meeting. These will be posted on the website when available.

Martha Lumia mentioned that there was no Treasurer's Report on the website for December. **ACTION:** Donna had put the Report on the website, but will check why it didn't upload. Will do so today.

3. **Membership Report (Donna Elliot)**

Attached.

4. **Forest Folk** Board members were present and very pleased to receive a check for \$500 from the AAI in appreciation for their support during the 2017 Art Walk & Wine Tasting. The Forest Folk provided a mini-van on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and a mini-van and bus on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

## 5. Gallery Liaison Report

**Deborah Anderson** opened a photography gallery in the Fort. Board members are invited to visit and introduce themselves. This gallery has taken over the remaining months of membership of Red Rabbit that is no longer an AAI Art Hot Spot. Nancy Nunez has donated her payment to allow this.

**Art & Beyond Gallery** – Michele Aubuchon has joined the AAI as a gallery member. The gallery is located next to Café Aroma and has several AAI Artists' work in it.

**Courtyard Gallery** Resource Center – Negotiations are proceeding. We will ask Evan Mills, the landlord, about signage and will request a commission cap of 20% to \$800/month (which is the market rent for the space). The AAI will pay \$300 rent per month starting on March 1, 2018. We are awaiting a quotation to add the gallery premises to AAI's insurance policy.

Once the lease is signed and the insurance arranged, we will gain access to the property and start the planning process. The Forest Folk mentioned that they are looking into providing transport to desert residents to come up for events on the Hill. This will fit in nicely with many of the AAI and other town events.

## 6. Event Reports

- **Imagery of Words – Holly Parsons** - January 20, 2018 – preparation for the event going well but the featured poet will not be able to attend due to adverse weather concerns. A report will be made at the February 23, 2018 meeting and at the Annual Member's Meeting.
- **Membership Meeting** – February 17, 2018 will be held from 6-9pm at the Community Church basement – it will include a full financial report and focus on seeking input about the Art Walk & Wine Tasting, use of the Courtyard Gallery and future events and artist workshops.
- **Eye of the Artist** – April 7, 2018 –Theme “Visions of Unity.” Details were discussed including hosting the event at Town Hall. Discussion regarding raffle structure resulted in a unanimous vote; going forward raffle winnings will be limited to 5 pieces of art per individual. Donna Elliot and Erin O'Neill will co-lead this event.
- **Plein Air – Desert Chavez** - Poster will be done in 10 days. Artist Invitations will go out when poster is complete. Event will be put up on the website for artists to register. Desert and Rob are looking into using Idy Park for some activities. The exhibition of artists' works will be in the Courtyard Gallery, along with the Artist Reception.

## **AAI Funding Proposals**

1. **Courtyard Gallery Proposal** – tabled until Peter is present.
2. **Proposals for 2018 funding** - tabled until Peter is present.
3. **Deer Herd Expansion** – 13 deer are being delivered Monday 1/22/18 to Forest Lumber. Gary Kuscher and available Board members will meet the herd for a publicity photo.
4. **New Town Monument Sign** – David Roy attended the meeting and tabled his pricing proposal for monument repair, new sign and additional carving to back of the monument. He also spoke at length about renewing the relationship with Gorilla Glue for promotional purposes. David also asked to occasionally set up a pop-up tent and carve next to monument to draw attention and offer history.

His proposal was accepted in principle pending insurance reimbursement. He'll be moving back to Idyllwild within the next 3 months to start work, Rob will formalize the agreement terms when David is back in town.

## **Any other business**

**AAI Gallery Guide** - We're working with Halie Wilson of Town Crier re updates for the Gallery Guide – Donna is contacting galleries, art hot spots and lapsed members for inclusion in the guide.

## **Adjust your schedules**

These are the coming dates where your help is needed:

- February 17, 2018 – Annual Member Meeting – 6-9pm
- April 7, 2018 – Eye of the Artist – Late morning to tear down at 9pm

**Next Meeting – February 23, 2018, from 10am to Noon, at the Courtyard Gallery**