



Special Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 28, 2020, 2:00pm at Mountain Pottery

Meeting called to order at 2:15pm

Present: Donna Elliot (DE); Cyn Grady (CG); Helen Hixon (HH), Dianna Orr (DO); Les Gin (LG); Sasha Nicol (SN) by phone

Vote on New Board Members

1. Diana Orr
2. Christine Hunt
3. Rob Padilla

HH proposed that all 3 new board members be admitted to the AAI Board; seconded by CG; In favor: All; Against: 0; Abstain: 0

The Board also takes this opportunity to thank Brian Tracy for his service on the AAI Board and wishes him success on his new project.

New Gallery Member

Golden Pine Gallery (next to Café Aroma) – Julianna Poldi – LG mentioned that the Rotary will do an official ribbon cutting for this and the other new businesses in the area.

AAI Gallery

1. Discussion on 26364 Saunders Meadow Road – DE outlined the background to this offer from Nam Park at Mile High Café. As part of the Inland Empire Community Fund (IECF) grant, funds were allocated to open a new AAI gallery and visitors center. A portion of these funds will be used to pay rent for a 3-year lease and to turn the space into a presentable gallery. DE has asked the County to provide a Visitors Center sign. If that isn't approved, we will arrange other visible signage on the road. DE prepared a lease for consideration by Nam (using the Courtyard Gallery Lease and the form by the California Realtor's Association). This lease provides fair and reasonable safeguards and obligations on the part of both parties. Peter Szabadi, a lawyer, reviewed the lease and provided useful suggestions. After the Eye event, the Board and others can meet to start planning the gallery and its renovation.
2. Vote: CG proposed that we approve this project and was seconded by SN. In favor: All; Against: 0; Abstain: 0 DE will arrange the signing of the lease.

Events/Projects

1. Eye of the Artist – Saturday, October 17, 2020 from Noon until 5pm in Idy Park
 - Judged Show Registrations – 30 registrations with others to come
 - Silent Auction Items – 35 donations and others promised
 - Volunteers – around 20 so far, but we can use more if possible.
2. Café Aroma and Idyology – A team painted the Café Aroma Library walls. We were also asked by Idyology to hang art on the walls there.
3. Membership Renewal at Half Price – Galleries and Art Hot Spots – The AAI has renewed nearly all the Galleries and Art Hot Spots as well as a few Artist members as part of the IECF Grant.
4. Christmas Art Kit Gifts – The IECF grant is funding this project. Parents will have the opportunity to choose art kits as Christmas gifts for their children. We will set up tables in front of the Post Office at the beginning of December, 2020.
5. Borrego Art Institute – looking for Latino artists for their show of Contemporary Latin American Art in January, 2021 – sales opportunity with a 45% commission. Contact Stu Bailey on 760-413-0574.

Meeting closed at 3:15pm

Next Quarterly Meeting: Wednesday, October 21, 2020