

**Skagit Artists Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
August 1, 2019**

President Sarah Dalton commenced the meeting of the Skagit Artists Board of Directors at 2:15 p.m. at the Skagit Valley Co-op Building. Board members in attendance included Mechel Bell, Sarah Dalton, Gary Giovane, Ron King, and Sheila Johnson, with Monica Jaress in attendance to discuss financials. The meeting's agenda per Sarah's email:

- Art by the Bay booth
- Art Supplies for Kids
- Studio Tour summary
- Arts Alive
- Educational Program at Padilla Bay.

**Financials**

First, there was discussion about paying Monica for the treasurer services she provides to the organization. She brings knowledge and experience to the job, as well as genuine concern for the group. It was moved by Ron, and seconded by Mechel that Skagit Artists pay Monica \$75 per month as Treasurer, retroactive to Jan. 1, 2019 and to be revisited on Dec. 31, 2019. The motion passed.

Monica reviewed the financials and fielded questions about various expenditures. She will provide greater granularity in future reports. Stephen needs to invoice his work on the Studio Tour. Advertising expenses also need to be invoiced.

An aside: Sarah wants meeting handouts stored electronically with the meeting minutes. Ron will handle that when he posts the minutes.

**Art by the Bay booth**

Mechel reported that Carol Ann Anderson will be providing the 10'x10' pop-up, Houston will be onsite promoting the upcoming Program Meeting. There are 10 artists signed up to participate, and they are: Jean Fike, Sarah Dalton, Ron King, Carol Ann Anderson, Jennifer McGill, Rebecca Parker, Robin Kruse, Jamie Thompson, Sean Miller, and Mechel. Mechel was given the Square, hotspot, cash box, and a \$100 check to fill the till. Donations will be accepted for ASK – Art Supplies for Kids.

**Art Supplies for Kids**

Gary will be presenting ASK to teachers gathering at MoNA this month. Sheila asked if it could be a photo-op to further promote the program. There was discussion with Ron about the ease of entry necessary for teachers to apply and where the link should appear on the SA website. Ron will also add a "Donate to ASK" choice on the page.

**Studio Tour summary**

Sarah discussed the results of the lodging tax grant data collection technique and numbers. One student volunteer came to help. Various participating artists on the Board gave their impressions of the weekend. Everyone agreed Stephen did a good job with the graphics/brochure.

**Art's Alive (henceforward Skagit Artists Fall Show)**

Skagit Artists Fall Show will have a small works section. Sarah wants the show to consider selling tickets to a wine and chocolate fundraiser for ASK and invite the NWAB sponsors. Mechel will create a banner to be hung outside of The Lux.

### **Educational Programs at Padilla Bay**

Ron thought the seats placed in a circle, rather than classroom style as most of our presentations, would be beneficial. Mechel suggested Jody Thompson could provide feedback during the program. Mechel has already laid out the program calendar for 2020.

The Sept. Creative Planning meeting will be moved to Oct. 12. The tentative agenda is artists and volunteers for the SA Fall Show, membership, and discussing a possible collaborative piece.

Sarah wants feedback from the membership about SA's direction and the group's interests.

Gary says the storage unit is in bad need of organization and is seeking volunteers to help. A joint effort may better ensure that something of value is not discarded and that all the items required to be stored are done so in an orderly fashion.