THE FINE ARTS CLUB OF PASADENA
MINUTES OF THE *VIRTUAL* BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2021

Call to Order: President Jim Childs called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting was conducted using Zoom.

Present: Jo Barbera, Jo Butcher, Jim Childs, Mary Cronin, Jessie Duffy, Lorelli Embry, Robert Farley, Olga Moretti, Sheri Morton, Paige Peter, Nancy Stone, Patricia Vick

Absent: Laurita Domasin, Yolanda Giallo, Sofia MacIsaac, Michael Miranda, Austin Mircheff,

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the November 17 Board meeting was made by Patricia Vick. Mary Cronin seconded the motion, which was accepted unanimously.

President's Report: Jim congratulated everyone on the successful completion of 2020, including production of two virtual events, excellent membership dues renewals, installation of a new website management team, publication of the updated roster, and the establishment of the Roman Borek Scholarship Fund.

OFFICER'S REPORTS: (Officer)

Treasurer's Report: (Olga Moretti) Olga reported that on December 31 we had $87,077.74 in our bank accounts. The UBS portfolio is doing well. Our financial advisor Kathleen Burns has moved to Morgan Stanley Wealth Management and would like to take our portfolio with her. Olga made a motion to allow Kathleen to take the portfolio, and the motion was second by Patricia Vick. The motion passed unanimously. In the Roman Borek Scholarship Fund we have $8650 in donations as of today. Three new members were also admitted bringing in $600 in new dues.

1st Vice-President- Performing Arts Programs: (Mary Cronin):

> February 1, 2021: Vijay Venkatesh, 2014 winner of the FACOP piano competition, is now a professional pianist. Vijay and Eva Schaumkell perform professionally as the Vieness Piano Duo and they will present a recorded performance at the February dinner event. Both Vijay and Eva also serve as adjudicating judges in piano competitions. Each artist will receive a $575 honorarium. Mary suggested that both Vijay and Eva be considered as honorary members of the FACOP. Jo Barbera moved to accept Jim Childs' offer to reach out to the after the February event. Olga Moretti seconded the motion.

2nd Vice-President- Visual Arts Exhibits: (Jo Butcher) Jo collaborated with the Pasadena Society of Artists to arrange for exhibition of works by Ruth Lindsay an artist who first came to public attention at the late end of the Impressionist Period, moved through the art deco period, and exhibited in the plein air style before it took hold in California. 15 pieces of art from Lindsay family collection, never previously seen, will be shown.

3rd Vice-President- Membership (Jo Barbera): Jo Barbara has received applications for membership from Mary Steinberg (sponsored by Sylvia Watson) and Carol Ann Burton and Alistair John Hunter Burton (sponsored by Nancy Stone). Jo summarized the backgrounds of each applicant. Robert Farley moved to accept the applications, Lorelli Embry seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

4th Vice-President- Arrangements: (Nancy Stone) Caltech is still closed and so there is nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary (Sheri Morton): Paul Greene, the husband of Marion Greene, recently passed away from covid-19. A sympathy card will be sent to Marion.

Recording Secretary: (Robert Farley): Draft minutes of the tonight's virtual Board of Directors meeting will be sent to Jim Childs for forwarding to Directors and Committee Chairs for review. Please send corrections to Robert.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Chair)

Arrangements: (Nancy Stone) See Officer's Reports above.

Attendance/Reservations: (Sofia MacIsaac) No report was given.

Bulletin: (Jessie Duffy) Jessie will send the Bulletin for the February virtual dinner meeting to the members tomorrow. The Bulletin will contain all the information needed to log into the virtual February event and to see the performances.

Finance: (Laurita Domasin) No report was given.

Historian: (Sheri Morton) See Corresponding Secretary report above.

Hospitality: (Yolanda Giallo) No report was given.

Membership: (Jo Barbera) See Officer's Reports

Nominating: (Robert Farley) The slate of Officers and Directors was sent to Board members in advance of tonight's meeting. In addition to those listed, the slate includes the current Directors at Large: Lorelli Embry, Yolanda Giallo, Sofia Mac Isaac, Austin

Mircheff, and Patricia Vick. Robert asked the Board to consider requesting that Yolanda and Sofia relinquish their positions as Directors at Large because they do not use the internet (Zoom) and cannot participate in Board meetings at this time. Their membership as Directors at Large affects the quorum needed to conduct business. The Board agreed that this would be a reasonable request to make and noted that Sofia and Yolanda could be invited to join the Board as Directors at Large again after in person meetings had been restored. Lorelli Embry mentioned that the Bylaws require a minimum of 13 Directors, nine of whom are Officers, and so with the withdrawal of Yolanda and Sofia we need to appoint one new Director at Large. After brief discussion the Board recommended that Michael Miranda be asked about this, and Robert said that he would contact Michael. A motion to accept the Nominating Committee slate was made by Patricia Vick and was seconded by Lorelli Embry. Robert is to send the complete Nominating Committee slate of Directors to Jessie Duffy for inclusion in the February dinner Program because the membership needs to vote to accept or reject the slate at the February meeting.

Parliamentarian & Bylaws: (Lorelli Embry) No report was given.

Performing Arts Award: (Michael Miranda) Michael sent email describing the timeline for the Performing Arts Award competition: February 10 - applications due; February 10-14 - pre-screening process; February 15 - all applicants notified of results; February 22 – finalists' submissions due; February 26 - winner(s) announced. Michael has engaged the services of a pre-screener/adjudicator (prof. emeritus of guitar APU) and will be searching for 2 additional adjudicators for the finalists round over the next couple of weeks.

Photography/Public Relations: No report was given.

Printed Dinner Programs: (Jessie Duffy) Programs for the February event will be sent electronically on the day of the event.

Roster: (Lorelli Embry) Lorelli said that there are a few changes to the Roster: Sheri Morton has a new email address (sherimorton49@gmail.com); delete Marilyn Lindquist, Paul Greene, Shirley Marneus (Honorary). Reminder: Since rosters will only be printed every two years Board members should make these corrections on their current Roster.

Visual Arts Award: (Paige Peter) Five applications have been received so far plus five new inquiries. Paige is encouraging photography submissions. The number of submissions is lower this year than last year but the quality is high.

Website/Facebook/Social Media: Robert Farley and Jessie Duffy summarized the new website coordination team that includes Alan Hood (webmaster) and Jeanne McCafferty (FACOP consultant). Alan and Jeanne have worked together before and have transformed the appearance of the website and the mechanism whereby the FACOP

moves content to the website. The February dinner event will be the first event that will be done completely by the new team.

OLD BUSINESS

Nancy Stone thanked the committee members for their work on the Roman Borek Scholarship Fund. With matching funds from the Evelyn English Endowment the Fund has approximately $17,000. The fundraising goal is $25,000, and a letter will be sent within the next week or two to all FACOP members and other community leaders to solicit donations. Nancy will also contact members of Roman's family about donations. Mary Cronin asked whether Nancy had received information from her about Lori Unger, CEO of the Pasadena Symphony. Nancy said that she will follow up on this, and also on Mary's suggestion to contact All Saints' Church, and the Tournament of Roses organization.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was conducted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert A. Farley
January 20, 2021