THE FINE ARTS CLUB OF PASADENA
MINUTES OF THE *VIRTUAL* BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Call to Order: President Jim Childs called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. The meeting was conducted using Zoom.

Present: Jim Childs, Mary Cronin, Jessie Duffy, Lorelli Embry, Robert Farley, Stan Jones, Michael Miranda, Austin Mircheff, Olga Moretti, Sheri Morton, Nancy Stone, Patricia Vick

Absent: Jo Barbera, Jo Butcher, Yolanda Giallo, Sofia MacIsaac, Paige Peter,

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the May 18 Board meeting was made by Austin Mircheff. Lorelli Embry seconded the motion, which was accepted unanimously.

President's Report: Jim Childs thanked Board members for a very successful FY 21. The financial record indicates that we did very well. Jim also thanked everyone who contributed to the Roman Borek Memorial Fund. Nancy Stone will report on this fund later tonight. Jim thanked the Board as well for making the difficult decision to hold the October dinner event as a virtual event.

OFFICER'S REPORTS: (Officer)

Treasurer's Report: (Olga Moretti) The Statement of Activity from the Treasurer Olga Moretti was forwarded to Board members by President Jim Childs prior to the Board meeting. A revised Statement of Activity correcting an error in the original Statement was sent to Jim by Olga on 09/21/2021. The balance in selected accounts shown below as of June 30, 2021 is from the revised Statement.

Community Bank Operating Account: $44,156.54 (plus $200 petty cash)
Money market. $26,978
Borek Morgan Stanley: $35,390.02
Morgan Stanley Investments. $448,159.08

Jim commented that we spent more than expected on website design and implementation but the results were outstanding and worth the expense. The revised Statement of Activity shows that our investment returns for FY21 were significantly greater than they were in FY20.

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

- For the October dinner event The Swing Trio, Inc., comprised of members Dennis Kaye, Bob Brandzel, and Jeff Markgraf, will present a half hour Jazz/Big

Bands program. Mary has not received the bio sketches for the performers and she needs this information in order to write something for the dinner program. Jessie Duffy commented that Jeanne McCafferty has the bio sketches and Jessie will ask Jeanne to forward it to Mary.

- The performers for the December dinner event have not yet been finalized. Mary is waiting to hear back from the Ensemble Manager for the group.
- For the February dinner event the Pasadena Conservatory student who receives the Roman Borek Award will perform a five- to six-minute composition. Mary has also contacted the La Canada High School Orchestra Director about a possible brass performance in Roman Borek's honor. If that does not work out, a woodwind program performed by Pasadena Conservatory teachers and students may be scheduled.
- Occidental College Professor, Dr. Junko Garrett, pianist, and her husband, David Garrett, cellist, will present Cesar Franck's "Sonata for Cello and Piano" for the 2022 Season Finale at the June dinner event.

2nd Vice-President- Visual Arts Exhibits: (Jo Butcher) Jessie Duffy presented the Visual Arts Exhibits report for Jo Butcher. Karen Chutsky Naud will exhibit some of her work at the October virtual dinner event. Jessie and Jeanne McCafferty are working with Karen to prepare a short bio sketch and description of her work for the Program.

3rd Vice-President- Membership (Jo Barbera): Jo Barbera was unable to attend the meeting but Jim Childs reported that 11 members from last year have not renewed their membership. However, Lorelli Embry commented that one on the list was a new member late in the last fiscal year (Mary Steinberg) so her dues were paid, and John Simons resigned. Sheri Morton said she read in obituaries that Earle Olson had died. That brought the number down to 8. Lorelli said she and Jo had called others on the list except Eric Lindquist who is unreachable. A second set of renewal notices were sent to four on the list. So far there has been no response and no dues payments from the 8, and all have been members for a long time. Lorelli expressed some concern that they may either have decided not to renew or have just forgotten to return the renewal forms. She asked what should be done about their membership status. People like Eric Lindquist and Lourinda Bray have made significant contributions to the Fine Arts Club over many years. Lorelli offered to call these 8 again and will include them in the updated roster. Jo may call some of them.

Olga mentioned that there were no new membership applications.

4th Vice-President- Arrangements: (Nancy Stone) Details for an in-person December dinner event at the Athenaeum are being discussed with Athenaeum staff. One possible change that may help with the arrangements is to start the dinner meeting in December

at 6:30 PM. Nancy also asked about our use of the Pasadena Conservatory of Music meeting room and whether we intend to use it this year or will we continue to hold Board meetings using Zoom. Jim Childs said to plan for an in-person meeting in November.

Nancy also mentioned that the chef at the Athenaeum has been there for about 22 years, and that he is retiring in mid-October. She asked whether we could somehow honor him. Robert Farley moved that we invite him to the December dinner and pay for his dinner and a dinner for his guest. Lorelli seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary: (Sheri Morton) Sheri has not seen any email activity on our email site recently. Jim Stauffer recently was hospitalized for illness and Sheri said that she will send a get-well card.

Recording Secretary: (Robert Farley): Corrections offered by Board members tonight will be made to the final minutes of the May Board meeting. 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, and to Lorelli Embry. Please send corrections to the draft minutes for tonight's meeting to Robert.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Chair)

Arrangements: (Nancy Stone) See Officer report above.

Attendance/Reservations: (Sofia MacIsaac) No report.

Bulletin: (Jessie Duffy) The dinner program invitation was sent by email to members yesterday. A reminder will be sent out on October 4. The invitation is sent by USPS to members without email. Several members asked that the Bulletin be renamed as Invitation, and everyone agreed.

Finance: (Austin Mircheff) see the Treasurer's Report for Finance Committee details.

Historian: (Sheri Morton) Sheri Morton said the Pasadena Historical Society Museum is still closed and so we do not have access to our archives.

Hospitality: (Yolanda Giallo) No report.

Membership: (Jo Barbera) See Officer's Reports

Nominating: (Robert Farley) The Nominating Committee is beginning to consider Director, Officer, and Committee Chair assignments for FY23. The committee asks that

everyone currently in one of these positions notify Robert Farley or Lorelli Embry about whether they would like to continue in the position for another year, would prefer to serve on the Board in a different capacity, or will resign their position after June 30, 2022. Recommendations for Board membership among members of the FACOP who are not currently on the Board are welcome.

Parliamentarian & Bylaws: (Lorelli Embry) There were no changes to report.

Performing Arts Award: (Stan Jones) Stan introduced himself and asked that people with experience doing this send suggestions to him as a new chair of this committee. Michael Miranda, Patricia Vick, and Lorelli offered to advise him. Jim asked about auditions over Zoom and Jessie said that she spoke to Jeanne McCafferty yesterday about this. Jeanne and Alan Hood asked for information about the program and what we want to do about the competition. Jessie also mentioned that we will be using the FACOP email address to correspond with applicants. Sheri Morton monitors the email account and asked to be notified when the request for applications goes out.

Photography/Public Relations: No report was given.

Printed Dinner Programs: (Jessie Duffy) Programs for the October event will be sent electronically.

Roster: (Lorelli Embry) Lorelli will do a Roster Update, as previously agreed, since we did not have live dinner meetings this past year. It will hopefully only require 4 pages, printed both sides, and will include — Corrected website for members only, In Memoriam, Dinner Meeting Dates and Times, Awards Dinner Info and Chairs, the current list of Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs. — as well as Roster address corrections. It depends on how many corrections so may go to 5 or 6 pages. She will meet with Olga to get the Contact Information Forms.

Lorelli again asked about whether to include names of former members who have not renewed their membership. Jim Childs and Olga Moretti discussed additional things about membership and donations that could be included with the Roster Update mailing. Lorelli estimated that this mailing would occur in early October. Austin Mircheff suggested that long time members who are remiss in renewing their membership be referred to as Emeritus members. This suggestion was received well by the Board members in attendance.

Visual Arts Award: (Paige Peter) Paige was unable to attend and no report was given.

Website/Facebook/Social Media: (Patricia Vick) Trish commented that the website looks great but that the password for the Members Only section is not correctly listed in the roster. Jessie commented that a correction had been sent out and she would send it to Trish. The website needs to be updated to indicate that the October dinner event will not

be held at the Athenaeum as currently shown. Trish also said that the FACOP Facebook page also looks nice but has not had an entry since 2018. Robert Farley presented a brief history of the FACOP Facebook page and recommended that Trish contact Paige Peter and Susanne Belcher who frequently mention the FACOP in their personal websites.

OLD BUSINESS

Final report on the Roman Borek Memorial Fund: Nancy Stone summarized the work of the FACOP Committee that coordinated the effort to honor Roman, raising about $35,000 as of June 30, 2021. In addition to Nancy, the committee members were Lourinda Bray, Jim Childs, Elizabeth Samson, Jo Barbera, and Lorelli Embry. In this first year the Award winner will receive about $1,400 from the Fund. A Memorandum of Understanding was drafted by the FACOP Committee and Stephen McCurry of the Pasadena Conservatory, and Nancy summarized that memorandum for the Board. The Pasadena Conservatory of Music will select the recipient in September of each year and the recipient will be invited to perform at the February dinner event. The amount of the Award will be determined by the earnings of the invested principal of the Fund, with the goal of giving about $1,400 each year. The full Memorandum of Understanding is available from Nancy if anyone would like to see it. Jim Childs suggested that an invitation to attend the inaugural Award ceremony be sent to Roman's relatives in Pennsylvania. Olga Moretti suggested that invitations be sent to everyone who donated to the Fund. Lorelli Embry suggested that we also have a large, framed photo of Roman for the Award ceremony.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Childs asked about how we invite Honorary Members into the FACOP. Lorelli reported on the criteria for Honorary Membership that are written in the Bylaws. For members of the FACOP who have given long-term service, Honorary Membership is not an option unless they are distinguished in the Fine Arts. Robert Farley commented about the FACOP Hall of Fame that was initiated several years ago but has not been used recently. Robert summarized what was done for Robert Barbera and John Walz in the initial Hall of Fame inductions and indicated that we can do whatever we want with this since it is not restricted by the Bylaws. Jim Childs recommended that we table this subject for further discussion.

Mary Cronin asked about the artists whom she recommended for Honorary Membership. Jim Childs and Lorelli Embry suggested that they be proposed as regular members. Mary thought that this might work and if they were not engaged for performances elsewhere they might attend dinners since they live locally. Jim Childs asked Mary Cronin to invite them to the December dinner and said that the FACOP would cover the cost of their dinners.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert A. Farley
September 21, 2021