

Senior College at Belfast Board Meeting Agenda

Wed, August 10, 2016 at 9:00 am

1. Approval of Minutes of June 8, 2016 board meeting

2. Treasurer's Report

3. Committee Reports

Festival of Art – see Appendix A

Community Services Committee - The CSC decided to take on the project of upkeeping the Tall Pines library.

Special Events – Dave Ruberti

4. Old Business

A. **Handbook Revision** – Elisabeth Pollock – update on status

5. New Business

A. **Bylaws revision** – The Board voted to dissolve the Communications Cmte and establish a Finance Cmte, thus bylaws changes are required. Discuss and vote on proposed revisions.

Article VII

Section 5 - Delete the whole section on Communications Committee.

Rationale: The Board determined that the 3 positions mentioned (Website manager, registrar, and a person responsible for external communication) were 3 independent positions and, subsequently, that it made no sense for them to meet as a committee.

Section 12 - Delete "(Internal Communication), and is a member of the Communication Committee."

Rationale: The phrase "(Internal Communication)" is unnecessary as the responsibility of the E-News Editor is defined in the beginning of the sentence. Deletion of the rest of the sentence brings this section into agreement with the rest of the bylaws, there being no Communication Committee.

Section 13 - Delete "S/he is a member of the communications Committee."

Rationale: This brings the section into agreement with the rest of the bylaws, there being no Communication Committee.

Section 5 - Add the following:

Finance Committee

A. The Finance Committee shall consist of the Board Treasurer, who will chair the committee, and at least three (3) other members, at least one of whom will not be a Board member.

B. The duties of the Finance Committee shall be to assist the Treasurer in attending to the financial affairs of Senior College.

Rationale: The Board determined that with the growing complexity of the finances of Senior College, it is necessary to have a committee to assist the Treasurer and report to the Board.

B. **Text policy revision** – update on task force progress

6. Agenda items for 9/14/16

Appendix A.

Report to the Senior College Board of Trustees – 2016 Festival of Art

The 14th Annual Festival of Art was held on June 9 thru 12, 2016 at the University of Maine Hutchinson Center. Artists delivered their work for the exhibit on Wednesday, June 8. There were 139 artists registered for the show at the end of March, but 129 artists who actually exhibited. The ten who opted out had various reasons for doing so: personal illness or that of a family member, they no longer had the piece they registered and did not have a substitute, forgot about it, concern that the security offered was not safe enough, wanted to enter more than one piece (did not read the information), etc.

There were 246 people at the Opening Reception and First Viewing on Thursday, June 9, from 6 to 8 p.m., which was 80 more than last year. The Belfast Bay Fiddlers again provided music for the occasion, the food was provided by Senior College volunteers, and all went smoothly with no complaints, only compliments on the quality of art this year and the way it was displayed. The committee decided to provide the wine service this year, as they had done in years past. Two perfectly suited Senior College volunteers managed the service which resulted in 62 glasses of wine purchased and a net of \$36 after the \$60 license fee and cost of the wine Friday, June 10, which is usually a pretty quiet day with nothing but the exhibit scheduled, 64 visitors signed in to view the artwork.

Saturday, June 11, featured the Guest Artist Presenter at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium. A total of 104 visitors signed in for that day, and 45-50 attended John Whalley's presentation which was very well received. For the first time, Nancy Schroeder, a local harpist, performed in the atrium from noon to 1:00 p.m. while visitors viewed the exhibit. It was lovely, and much enjoyed by those present. Nancy had offered to do this at no cost and she was a perfect addition to the program.

On Sunday, June 12, the exhibit was open from noon to 3:00 p.m. and 48 visitors signed the guest book. Artists arrived at 3 p.m. to pick up their work, and we were packed up and moved out by 4:30 p.m.

Overall, the committee is very pleased with the Festival this year --lots of praise and only one or two minimal complaints that we can respond to. We were given information by five people who want to be put on the mailing list for the show next year, and many of the artists thanked us for providing this opportunity for them to show their work. I know that some of the artists did sell their work but have no information on the details since we only provide contact information.

Our Opening Reception and First Viewing on Thursday night was fun, festive, and seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The Belfast Bay Fiddlers were fantastic and provided entertainment for the entire time.

According to many who viewed the exhibit, the artwork this year was exceptionally good, with some prices in the thousands. We had many new artists who had not shown with us before, and several of the regular artists selected different subjects or a different medium than they had used in previous work.

Our Guest Artist Presenter was John Whalley from Damariscotta. He was warm and personable and had prepared a powerpoint presentation of his work that included his egg tempera process. He also spoke about the charitable work he and his wife are doing with street children in Columbia and Brazil. He is a phenomenal artist and an engaging speaker. The audience was attentive and very appreciative.

I believe I have thanked all who contributed their time and talents to our Festival this year, but will do so again with a general announcement in our next ENews. A copy of my financial report is attached.

With sincere thanks to the Senior College Board for their continued support of the Festival of Art,

Cathy Bradbury, Chair Festival of Art Committee

June 17, 2016