

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THE ARTS GUILD OF OLD FORGE, INC.

Monday, September 14, 2009

President Patty Foley called the Annual Membership Meeting of The Arts Guild of Old Forge to order at 6:10 pm on Monday, September 14, 2009. She welcomed the members and thanked everyone for attending.

Tracy Marlow objected to the convening of this meeting due to the fact that no written notice was sent to the membership as stated in the By Laws. A notice was published in the Adirondack Weekly and the Adirondack Express for three consecutive weeks. He was asked to address the matter at the end of the meeting, if he so desired.

Patty Foley referred the members to the minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting of 2008 found in their packets. Deke Morrison moved and Bill Ransom seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the 2008 Annual Membership Meeting. The motion was carried.

Patty Foley began her President's Report by thanking two Executive Directors--Deborah Jones and Phoebe Greene, staff members, volunteers, fellow Board members and Art Center members that she has worked with throughout her tenure as President of the Board of Directors. Phoebe Greene introduced members of the staff, recognizing their hard work and devotion to our organization, as well as the interns and volunteers that help the Art Center accomplish all of the tasks and goals that have been set forth. Phoebe shared some facts and figures about membership, volunteers, programs, gallery/exhibitions and performances.

Before Michele deCamp presented the Nomination Report she acknowledged the Board of Director's appreciation of Patty Foley and Phoebe Greene by presenting them with a gift from the Board. Michele briefly described the process that was followed for this year's endeavor to fill the slate for the Board of Directors. The following individuals were nominated as members of the Board of Directors: Deb Carhart, Rex Germer, Susan Hazard, Kevin Jost, Gary Lee, Clark Lubbs, Helene McAleese, and Kerry Rogers. A motion was made by Gordon Bashant and seconded by Bill Ransom to elect the slate of Directors. The motion was carried.

Michele announced the following slate of officers: President-John Munyan, Immediate Past President-Patty Foley, Vice President-Deb Carhart, Treasurer-Deborah Ritz and Secretary-Joan Spring. The slate of officers will be elected as presented at the regular monthly Board meeting directly following the Annual Membership Meeting this evening.

As Nominating Chairperson, Michele announced three new Directors Emeriti. They are Carol Morrison, Deke Morrison and Michele deCamp.

Patty Foley thanked board members Judy Foley and Michele deCamp for their years of service and presented them with an ANEAW poster. Patty recognized and congratulated the new Directors Emeriti.

Deb Carhart presented the New Building Report. She explained in detail the financial situation with regards to the new building project. Deb presented a construction update and a funding update, listing grants, government funding possibilities and smaller funding sources. She made it clear that we need a private source of 2 million dollars plus \$44,000 to move forward on the current building. There is a great deal of work being completed on the task of updating the Business Plan. The goal is to have that document completed by October 14, 2009.

Kevin Jost addressed the members on the Capital Campaign. He acknowledged the founding donors, Emeriti, the Board and staff. He talked about where we are now, how we got to this point and steps to the goal. He wel-

comes feedback and help from everyone.

Dan Josephson and Ron Smith reviewed the plans and ultimate goals and vision of CAASA (Central Adirondack Arts and Science Advocacy).

John Munyan began the Incoming Preseident's Report by thanking everyone for attending and congratulating the new Emerti. He thanked Patty Foley for her service as President of the Board of Directors. He set the tone for establishing the "path" that the Board and Advisory Council will be taking as of this meeting. He thanked Phoebe and the staff for countless hours and jobs well done. John introduced the Search Committee that has been established for the purpose of hiring a new Executive Director. The Search Committee includes Pat Tappan, Bill Simpson, Carol O'Neill, Debi Ritz and John Munyan. He introduced the Business Plan Committee and the Governance/Operations Committee Chair, Ed Stafford. John mentioned the contract we had with the Council of Community Services of New York, Inc and the assistance we have received from this group on updating the By Laws and Personnel Policy. John would like to provide an ongoing "snapshot" of the Art Center and minutes of the Board of Director's Meetings on the website. He would like to see more articles in the local newspapers and another Community Meeting similar to the Annual Membership Meeting. He mentioned the Strategy Committee and the New Building Project/Construction Committee using the expertise of Kerry Rogers and Bob Stanton. John mentioned that he had contacted Peggy O'Shea regarding education and training of current members of the Board of Directors.

The Art Center will be a destination!

Before entering a question and answer period John invited everyone to attend the Charity Go-Kart Race to benefit Kinderwood and the Kinderwood Suite tomorrow evening, September 15, 2009 at Calypso Cove.

A question and answer period was held from 7:10 PM until 7:44 PM. Some topics that were discussed included: the Business Plan, the probability of hiring a professional fundraiser, interest and late payments on the building construction and who we actually deal with at Gaetano Construction, transparency and communication issues, the possibility of having a membership meeting in the winter and the viability of the geo thermals having been in the ground for over two years.

Dutch Vandervort and Gordan Bashant both delivered remarks that summarized the dynamic ideas and the great things that are happening at the Art Center. The audience was encouraged by them to get involved.

John again thanked everyone for coming.

Linda Cohen moved to adjourn the Annual Membership Meeting. Bill Ransom seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Spring, Secretary