

**Zoom NWFA Board of Directors
Tues., April 20, 2021
11:00 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.**

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The Zoom meeting was called to order at 11:05 by President Shawna Kishel. Present at the meeting were Vice-president Lauren Nelson, Treasurer Lisa Hyppa, Member at Large Lois Garbisch, Public Relations Chair Judith Ulseth (with L. Garbisch—FaceBook). Secretary/Gallery Mgr. Lisa Simensen and Gallery/Artist Mgr. Alberta Whitenack were unable to attend.

Also present were NWFA members Priscilla Hiipakka (Thank you new Volunteer Coordinator), Membership chair Donna Graham and Sue Rauschenfels.

Secretary Minutes for March 16, 2021 and discussion.

A motion was made to accept the of March 16, 2021 by L. Nelson and J. Ulseth MCU

Treasurer's Report Lisa Hyppa

Treasures Report

For period ending March 31, 2021

Balance Sheet:

- Cash balance as of March 31, 2021 \$21,186

Profit and Loss:

- Received almost 20% of the budgeted amount of Donations & Goodwill as of March 31, 2021
- YTD Photo Contest entries \$110
- YTD Net Loss \$1,914

Motion to accept the treasurers report by L. Nelson & L.Garbisch MCU

Gallery Report....Shawna for Alberta Whitenack

- April is time to organize donations for “Music in the Park”, membership and Spring Art Expo (SAE is June 3rd-26th) registrations are due the end of April as well as Photo Contest (“Your Best Shot”) entries.

- The gallery will be open on Wednesdays beginning in May 10-4 so hours will be 10-4 on Wed., Thurs., and Fri. and Sat. from 9-1.
- May will feature the photo contest exhibit, "Finding Light", and voting at the gallery from May 6th-29th. At the end of the month the

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- People's Choice voting will conclude and the winners will be announced. Remember the photos are also for sale at the contestant's request.
- In addition to the photo contest there will be a display of quilts by Barb Schroeder.

Tom Kesanen held 2 harmonica classes via zoom. It may be possible to have one more class before, sadly, Tom moves away. A great loss for NWFA and the community. Thank you, Tom!

Judith will compile a list of calendar events that are being planned for May, June, July, August and September. The list will then be available to send monthly to resorts and businesses as well as for public relations, bulletins, Face Book and the website.

Membership Donna Graham

28 memberships recorded for March/April including 3-5 brand new members and the rest are renewals. There were 3 complimentary memberships awarded to thank folks for services.

Volunteer Info—Thank you, Priscilla Hiipakka for becoming NWFA's Volunteer Coordinator. She will begin with the June schedule. For now Shawna is still keeping the calendar and volunteers may still sign up on the calendar at the gallery Thur., Fri. and Saturday until May, then Wed. as well. **more volunteers are needed for:**

event planning—Timber Days (June 11, 12,13 with parade)

Exhibits

Concert in August—ticket sales, raffles, set up, clean up
50/50 raffle ticket sales

Garage sale

communications—keeping members up date with bulletins/website.

Teaching a skill or becoming the Education chairman for NWFA.

OLD BUSINESS

Calendar planning, brochure & calendar delivery to resorts by Dan.
Board position descriptions discussed.

Ancient Cedars traveling exhibit will occur at NWFa in Sept. as reported on by Sue R. This exhibit by 12 artists will feature artwork inspired by the new walking trail near Tower, MN in the Ancient Cedar grove that dates back to 1820. Beginning in May the exhibit will be in

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Tower, Ely, Hibbing and Cook. The 12 artists hail from Tower, Hibbing, Virginia area and Duluth. Exhibits soon to be announced.

Thanks to Sue Rauschenfels for donating a painting as prize for the 50/50 drawing this summer.

“Monroe Crossing” concert is planned and contract signed for August 19th at the community center. Tickets will be \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Advance tickets must include name and telephone # in case the concert must be canceled due to the pandemic. Eric Pederson will open the show. There will be masking and no food. There will be prizes to bid for with bag raffles and the 50/50 drawing. A stage is required from the Baptist Church. Lisa H. will request that and find some braun to help move it into the community center and set it up. The musicians must be paid on that night so all ticket sale proceeds must be turned in at the beginning of the concert. They will receive 60% of the proceeds.

Garage Sale...tentative date is August 28th.

NEW BUSINESS

Timber Days June 11,12 & 13 NWFA will have and activity booth and there will be book signings by authors, Donna Graham and Leo Willenius. Gene Goodsky is another local artist. NWFA will be seen in the parade. **Any Ideas?** The Gallery will be open all day (9-4) on Sat. as well as Friday, Thursday and Wed.

“Music in the Park”...Funds have been received by the Cook VFW and Auxiliary and the Lions Club. Waiting on others. 13 weeks of music.

“Art Around the Lake” is to be held in Tower in a tent Fri. July 23 with tickets at \$30-\$35. It’s a gala art sale. Proceeds are to go to the Cultural Center which is unfinished yet. On Sat. the exhibit/sale will be free to the public. They will accept the work of artists but preferably not jewelry. The contact person in Tower is Julie Bailey (Coordinator) at 706 581-3584.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lois G. and Lisa H. at 12:20 p.m. MCU.

Respectfully submitted by,
Judith Ulseth
Public Relations