

MACLAREN

ARTCENTRE

Minutes – 2023 Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Education Centre – MacLaren Art Centre

In Attendance:

Matt Follwell (President & Chair), Joshua Valler (Vice Chair), Kathy Chen Hammond (Treasurer), Jessie Larche (Secretary), Gary Pearson, Amy Bagshaw, Jim Harris, Craig Nixon, Angela Francis, Angela Aujla, Lexus Avila, Christina Mancuso, Trevor Roberts, Jill Price, Katie Green, Carol-Ann Ryan, Kim Kieller, Marlisha Lewis, Ashleigh Oke, Peter Bogle, Rosalind Naccarato, Natalie Fisher, Frances Thomas, Yasmeen Kazak, Jeanette Luchese, Bud Watson, Andrea Araujo, Neda Mazhab, Janet Jansson

1. Call to Order

Time: 6:00 PM

Chair: Matt Follwell

2. Welcome and Acknowledgements

- Matt Follwell welcomed attendees and offered a land acknowledgement:

"We acknowledge the traditional territory of the Anishinaabek, which include the Odawa, Ojibwe and Pottawatomi Nations, collectively known as the Three Fires Confederacy. The local bands consist of the Chippewa Tri-Council, who are made up of Beausoleil First Nation, Georgina Island First Nation and Rama First Nation. We would also like to acknowledge the Wendat Nation (Huron) who occupied these lands prior to the middle of the 17th century. The MacLaren Art Centre is committed to moving forward in the spirit of healing and reconciliation and respect with all First Nation, Métis, and Inuit peoples."

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To accept the agenda for the MacLaren Art Centre's 2023 AGM.

Moved by: Amy

Seconded by: Jessie

Carried

4. Approval of the 2022 AGM Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes from the June 18, 2022, AGM without amendment.

Moved by: Ashleigh

Seconded by: Amy

Carried

5. Auditor's Report (*Presented by Kathy Chen Hammond*)

- Year-end financial review delivered; PowerPoint presentation attached.
- Highlights:
 - Audited financial statements by BDO presented by Kathy.
 - Fiscal year aligns with calendar year.
 - Liabilities remain consistent year-over-year.
 - Revenue increased; however, expenses also rose due to:
 - Cost of living wage increases
 - Increased travel, benefits, and contracted personnel costs
 - Strategic planning services from the Osbourne Group
 - Reduced subsidy compared to prior year
 - Resulting in a net loss, mitigation strategies are underway.
 - Grants are stable year-over-year.
 - Investment in consultancy is expected to generate long-term benefit.
 - Focus remains on sustaining grant revenue and increasing donations/sponsorships.

Motion: To approve the auditor's report for the 2023 fiscal year.

Moved by: Josh

Seconded by: Carol-Ann

Carried

6. Appointment of Auditors for 2024

Motion: To appoint BDO as the auditors for the MacLaren Art Centre's 2024 fiscal year.

Moved by: Amy

Seconded by: Gary
Carried

7. President & Chair's Report (*Matt Follwell*)

- Matt expressed gratitude to the MacLaren staff for their dedication during a difficult period of transition.
- Christina Mancuso presented highlights from the 2023 Exhibitions and Education Programming:
 - There was a significant increase in new members in 2023, 65+
 - Substantial growth in art education and youth programming, particularly the Vango program which runs throughout the Simcoe County District School Board.

Matt reviewed 2023 Statistics.

10,465 visitors and participants
10 exhibitions and curatorial projects
67 classes, workshops, artist talks (18+)
447 members
7,710 participants in art education activities (*VanGo*)
1,031 volunteer hours
4,457 youth participants (art classes and workshops)

8. Strategic Plan Update (*Presented by Lucy White, Osborne Group*)

- Introduction of Lucy White (Osbourne Group) to provide Strategic Plan update through a 20-minute presentation followed by a question-and-answer period.
 - Presentation attached.
 - Emphasis was put on collaboration and long-term vision.
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9. Questions & Feedback

- Concerns raised about limited member involvement in strategic planning.
 - Matt clarified a public call for committee members resulted in strong engagement.
- Collaboration noted with Georgian College and RVH.
- Francis raised exhibition RSVP concerns
 - Matt confirmed that RSVPs will be offered but will no longer be required for attendance at openings.

10. Closing Remarks (*Matt Follwell*)

- Thanks, extended to all board members for their continued service.
- Tim Krywulak acknowledged for completing his board term and thanked him for his contributions over the past 6 years.
- Acknowledged Amy Bagshaw for completing two productive board terms and her leadership of the Programming Committee.

11. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the MacLaren Art Centre's 2023 AGM.

Moved by: Josh

Seconded by: Rosalind

Carried

Meeting Adjourned: 6:57 PM

Signatures

President: _____

Date: _____

Secretary: _____

Date: _____