

**Lanesboro Arts
Annual Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2023
Location: Zoom**

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and began with Introductions by attendees:
Board members present - Mike Augustin, Renee Bergstrom, Cecelia Cornejo, Elaine Edwards, Nick Gudmundson, Jennifer Johnson, Sue Pariseau, John Torgrimson
Staff present - Kara Maloney, Leah Steding, Melissa Wray, Kris Viesselman,
Participants present - TiAnna DeGarmo, Heidi Dybing, Phil Dybing, John Gaddo, Molly Gage, Steve Harris, Richard Meyer, Susan Ritter, Andrzej Zalasinski

- II. Toast delivered by Steve Harris.

- III. Agenda for this meeting and Minutes from Annual Meeting on January 23, 2022, were approved upon motion by Mike with second by Renee.

- IV. Year in Review - Highlights:
 - A. Kris Viesselman reported on the Gallery: The Gallery hosted 6 special exhibits with a variety of topics and mediums, including quilting, video storytelling, prints, digital photography, ceramics, and local high school art. The jury is currently assessing artists for the 2025 exhibits. The online store has been revamped.
 - B. Leah Steding and Melissa Wray reported on Programming:
 1. Summer youth opportunities in 2022 included painting, mobile building, and sculpture. Staff helped facilitate the founding of an Art Club at the high school.
 2. Art in the Park continued its comeback after the Pandemic with beautiful weather, 90 artists, live music, and food; the 2023 AIP is scheduled for June 17.
 3. Art Lofts have transitioned to an online booking service, which saves on staff time.
 4. Programming at the St. Mane included storytelling through dance, music making through guitar and vocals, a one-woman show, and more offerings from the Audacious Raw Theatre. Dan Chouinard's Christmas show cancelled due to bad weather. Equipment updates for the St. Mane are planned for the coming year.
 5. Rhythms on the Root concerts continued at Gateway Park on three summer nights.
 6. Lanesboro Arts hosted two Artists in Residency featuring puppeteering and willow weaving.
 7. Work on justice, equity, and inclusion continued; the JEDI committee hosted several workshops and made progress in policy, mission, and planning, including a pilot BIPOC residency involving 5 artists.
 - C. Kara Maloney reported on Advancement:
 1. A staff position was added this fall, and Leah Steding, the summer intern, was hired.
 2. LA paid out over \$101,000 to 320 artists for works sold at the Gallery.
 3. In 2022 Lanesboro Arts membership was 150.
 4. The Online Auction continued as the major fall fundraising event; it featured over 120 offerings and brought in \$7000, culminating in a small in-person celebration (new this year) at Sylvan Brewing.
 5. Reach for the Arts resulted in \$13,000 of donations.
 6. Kara attended a 5-session Financial Growth Seminar through Propel.

- V. Financials for 2022:
 - A. Report by Mike Augustin. The Board has fiduciary oversight responsibilities, which include a review of the yearly audit done by Alan C. Anderson, Chartered, CPAs, Chatfield. Total liabilities and assets were down in 2022: liabilities include salaries and a few miscellaneous expenses with no major debt, which is a positive; assets went down due to decreased art sales (primarily in the 4th Quarter), decreased Loft rentals, decreased Foundation support, and decreased government funding (eg. Payroll protection plans were phased out). Overall, however, the financial status of LA is good with cash on hand remaining from a large grant received in 2018 even after using part of the grant to pay off the mortgage on the Gallery in 2019 and the Line of Credit in 2021.
 - B. Financial Report was approved upon motion by Renee Bergstrom.

- VI. Election of New Board Members and Farewell to Outgoing Members:
 - A. The slate of board candidates included Elaine Edwards (renewal); Stena Lieb (renewal); and TiAnna DeGarno (new).
 - B. The slate of candidates was approved upon motion by John Gaddo with second by John Torgrimson.
 - C. Steve Harris and Sue Pariseau are retiring from the Board. Kara noted that these two individuals have been wonderful contributors to the functioning of Lanesboro Arts.

- VII. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.