

## **American Canyon Arts Foundation Annual Membership Meeting**

**Location:** Laso Restaurant, American Canyon

**Date:** Sunday, January 26, 2020

**Members Attending:** Pattie Krueger, Mark Joseph, Francoise Bowlby, Gloria Fouts, Robert Johnson, Roberta Labaw, Jonette McNaughton, Joey McNaughton, Arvind Nischal, Eva Garcia, Leon Garcia, Robert Harris, Cheryl Joseph, Steve Labaw, Kenneth Leary, Fran Lemos, Nance Matson, Austin McNaughton, Jyoti Nischal, Cherol Ockrassa, Sande Sutter, Bonnie Waxman, Beth Marcus.

**Guests Attending:** Mariam Aboudamous, Hanni, Laura Keiser; Crysta Tim & Karen Provenza, Arts Council Napa Valley.

**Call To Order:** At 7:10pm, Secretary/Treasurer Mark Joseph announced we had 23 members present. A 10% quorum (required to conduct the meeting) was 7, which we exceeded. A 30% quorum (in which items could be brought up that were not on the Agenda) was 20, which we also exceeded. Mark also announced that copies of the Annual Report had been distributed to all members present. An electronic version would be posted on our website and emailed to all the members. Hard copies would be mailed to those members without an email.

**Election of Board Members:** Secretary/Treasurer Joseph also read the roster of Board Members nominated to serve during 2020. Those members were: Patti Kruger, Mark Joseph, Jonette McNaughton, Joey McNaughton, Roberta Labaw, Robert Johnson, Francoise Bowlby, Gloria Fouts and Arvind Nischal. ***Kenneth Leary motioned, Beth Marcus seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to elect those members to serve on the Board.***

**President's Report:** President Patti Krueger welcomed the group and reviewed the accomplishments from the past year. She thanked all our members who worked very hard to make the Foundation a success. She listed the many shows and programs we produced, including the annual Chalk Art contest, the Art Extravaganza, the Community Mosaic Art Project, and the Holiday Boutique, as well as our monthly art exhibits at the Welcome Center. We participated in City events, including Spring Day, AmCan By the Bay, and Fourth of July. We also worked with the City to provide art classes through the City's Recreation Department. She pointed out we provided scholarships to two students and made grant awards to three school art projects.

She highlighted the Special Membership Meeting held mid-year last year, in which our members wanted us to continue doing what we're doing as well as to return to programs we did in the past. As a result of that meeting, we decided to go back to a Community Art Show format for the 2020 Art Extravaganza. It will be held at the Community Gym and may include more than just art. We are also going to produce a Youth Art Show for the first time in many

years. We also want to expand our offerings and bring back musical programs. We will seek a community member to serve on the board to further that end. We also want to reach out to our schools for possible Board members, in order to establish a better partnership between the Foundation and our public schools. And we want to finish the mosaic and install it at the Boys & Girls Club.

**Guest Speakers—Crysta Tim and Karen Provenza, ACNV:** *Crysta* noted that the ACNV CEO, Chris Natali, could not make the meeting, so she read some prepared remarks, highlighting the 2018 Three-Year Strategic Plan Summary. ACNV serves as the leading authority on and advocates for arts & culture for the benefit of the Napa County public. ACNV offers three main programs: the Creative Directory; the Community Fund Grant Program; and the Education Alliance.

*Karen* is the Coordinator for the Arts/Education Alliance. She explained that ACNV worked with the School District to develop a Master Plan for the Arts in our Schools. One immediate benefit was hiring a Visual And Performing Arts (VAPA) Coordinator at Napa Valley Unified School District (NVUSD). Unfortunately, shortly after this master plan was adopted, the District has come upon hard times financially. Nonetheless, the Alliance is still promoting the arts in our schools, and is focused on Art Education success stories. They are also supporting Student Recognition programs, such as the VAPA Student Artist of the Month (and ultimately, Student Artist of the Year).

With all business concluded, the Annual Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

*Minutes prepared by*  
*Mark Joseph, 2/8/2020*