

**American Canyon Arts Foundation  
Annual Membership Dinner Meeting – January 27, 2019**

**Date:** Sunday, January 27, 2019

**Location:** DoubleTree Hilton, 3600 Broadway (SR29), American Canyon

**Attendance:** Patti Krueger, Patricia Oro, David Oro, Mark Joseph, Francois Bowlby, Gloria Fouts, Robert Johnson, Roberta Labaw, Steve Labaw, Jonette McNaughton, Joey McNaughton, Austin McNaughton, Arvind Nischal, Goyti Nischal, Leon Garcia, Robert Harris, Fran Lemos, Nance Matson, Sande Sutter, Cherol Ockrassa, Bonnie Waxman.

**Call to Order:** The meeting began after dinner, at approximately 7:15pm. Secretary/Treasurer Joseph announced a 10% quorum (required to take any actions) was 9, and we exceeded that number with 21 members present. A 30% quorum (required to take any actions from the membership) was 29, which we did not have.

**Welcoming Remarks:** President Krueger welcomed the members attending and summarized the highlights of 2018, which included our Arts & Culture programs, Community events, such as the Chalk Art Contest, Earth Day and Fourth of July activities; our scholarships and school grants, and of course, our Art Extravaganza. She also highlighted our Community Mosaic Project, including the Fashion Show fund raiser and financial support from the Arts Council Napa Valley and other community groups and ACAF members.

**Special Announcements:** President Krueger introduced lifetime member, Bob Harris, who presented his painting of Mayor Leon Garcia. He recounted an incident in which the Mayor helped him out by giving him a ride, and he thanked the Mayor for his service to the community. The Mayor thanked the group for the recognition.

President Krueger also announced that Mark Joseph was given a Lifetime Achievement award for his years of service. Bob Harris also presented his painting of Mark. Mark was completely unaware, but very appreciative, of the honor.

**Financial Status:** Secretary/Treasurer Joseph summarized the Foundation's financial condition, noting our "bottom line" has improved each year since 2014. We now have just over \$15,000 in net equity, compared to only \$2700 in 2014. This amount *did not include* cash restricted due to grant requirements or earmarked funds for public art or scholarships (just over \$8000). Joseph also reported our net income in 2018 was \$3081, compared to only \$2,425 in 2017.

**Annual Report:** Copies of the Annual Report were distributed, although there were not enough for all members. President Krueger noted we would send out the report electronically to all members and mail a hard copy to those members without an email account.

**By-Laws Revisions:** Secretary/Treasurer Joseph summarized the proposed revisions, noting we would now have three-year terms instead of two, but the two-term limit would stay in effect. There was also some clarifying language regarding the role and makeup of the Executive Committee. ***On motion by Member Nischal, and second by Member Garcia, the membership unanimously approved the By-Law revisions as proposed.***

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**Election of Directors:** Secretary/Treasurer Joseph went on to propose re-appointing the existing slate of Directors, plus any new nominations from the floor. Goyti Nischal agreed to serve, making a total of 13 Directors. Joseph also suggested that the membership allow the new Board to determine how the new terms would be staggered. ***On motion by Joseph, and seconded by David Oro, the membership unanimously appointed the following Directors:***

- Patricia Krueger
- Patricia Oro
- Mark Joseph
- Francois Bowlby
- Gloria Fouts
- Fayza Hamid
- Ari Hood
- Robert Johnson
- Roberta Labaw
- Joey McNaughton
- Jonette McNaughton
- Arvind Nischal
- Goyti Nischal

**Upcoming Priorities and Projects:** There was a general discussion among the members on what projects and priorities should be pursued in the next year. There was a consensus that we should complete the Community Mosaic Art Project (or at least the first phase); we should continue our signature fundraising event, the Art Extravaganza, and explore future venues for a Holiday Boutique. Regarding the Art Extravaganza, it was suggested we promote it through CAFÉ, Craig's List and to other Art Associations in the area.

There was also discussion and support for holding our "Pygmalion Art Contest" this year, and member Fouts agreed to work on that project. Another suggestion was to explore painting the City's Utility Boxes, which other communities have done. Lastly, we need to provide more services to our artist members. This could include workshops to enhance artist skills, providing instructional opportunities (in which our members would be paid to teach classes), or possibly providing space for artists.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

*Minutes prepared by  
Mark Joseph, 2/9/19*

**American Canyon Arts Foundation**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Secretary/Treasurer Joseph called the meeting to order at 7:15pm at the American Canyon Public Library. A quorum was present.

1. **Board Members Present:** Vice-President Patricia Oro, Secretary/Treasurer Mark Joseph, Ari Hood, Robert Johnson, Roberta Labaw, Joey McNaughton, Jonette McNaughton, Arvind Nischal, Directors  
**Board Members Absent:** Patti Krueger, President, Francoise Bowlby, Gloria Fouts, Fayza Hamid, Directors  
**Members/Guests Present:** Bob Harris
2. **Board Member Comments** – None.
3. **Member Comments** – None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** *On motion by Jonette, seconded by Arvind, the consent calendar was approved.*

1. Approve Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2018 and November 13, 2018.
2. Approve Financial Reports for December 2018 (Year end 2018)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Community Support
  - a. **Rock Garden Art, Feb. 9:** We discussed the Foundation's role—mostly to provide brushes and supplies. Stacey Johnson is the City's contact; Jonette will be our rep.
  - b. **Mosaic Art Project:** Mark reported we are close to \$15,000 in funds. The Board reviewed the entries (36 in total, mostly from students) and discussed what we were looking for. In the end, we narrowed the field to six finalists, plus the photo display from the Welcome Center (per Roberta's suggestion). Mark said he would send the artwork to Jamie Graff of Nimbus for her comments.
2. Member Services
  - a. **Annual Dinner:** Mark reported we need to send out the notice along with our membership renewal. We also paid the \$500 deposit for the DoubleTree.
  - b. **Membership renewal:** We agreed to meet at Mark's house on Friday, Jan. 18 at 10am to stuff envelopes.
  - c. **Revisions to the By-Laws:** Mark discussed a change to the By-Laws, notably to allow 2, three-year terms vs. 2, two-year terms; and clarification about the Executive Committee. The Board agreed this should be presented to the Membership at the Annual Meeting.

**BUSINESS CALENDAR**

1. Art Extravaganza: Patricia would organize the annual event and Mark would send info regarding the CFA and SpringHill Suite's info to Patricia. We discussed the date of the event—later in April is better, but we might need to stick with the first weekend in April.
2. Donations to the Crabfeed: Jonetter agreed to donate a painting (Patti also agreed to donate a photograph).
3. TBID Request: The Board agreed we should request support for the Art Extravaganza as part of Arts in April.

**OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Robert Johnson asked about the railings at the library, and when we would be able to offer art shows. We will check with Patti, now that she is back in town.

***The meeting adjourned at approximately 9pm.***

*Submitted by Mark Joseph, 2/4/19*

**American Canyon Arts Foundation**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Krueger called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

1. **Board Members Present:** Patti Krueger, President; Patricia Oro, Vice-President; Mark Joseph, Secretary/Treasurer; Francoise Bowlby, Gloria Fouts, Roberta Labaw, Joey McNaughton, Jonette McNaughton, Directors  
**Board Members Absent:** Fayza Hamid, Ari Hood, Robert Johnson, Arvind Nischal, Joyti Nischal, Directors  
**Members/Guests Present:** Leon and Eva Garcia, Bob Harris, Cherol Ockrassa, members; Jen Kansanback, guest (City Representative)
2. **Board Member Comments** – There was discussion regarding paints for the Pygmalion Art Contest, including the new color, Sunset Orange. **Joseph motioned and Joey McNaughton seconded, to approve \$100 to purchase roughly 30 sets of oils for the Art Contest. Motion passed.**
3. **Member Comments** – Bob Harris expressed concerns regarding the direction of the Foundation; that the Foundation used to focus on artists and supporting artists. Now the focus seems to be on the community, citing the Mosaic Art Project as an example. Even the Art Extravaganza is held out of town, where people can't find it. Cherol Ockrassa agreed and discussed several sections of the Board Policies, regarding composition of the Board (that half should be artists) and noting several sections of the policies need to be updated.

After much discussion, there was a consensus that we should address this after the Art Extravaganza, possibly in May.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** *On motion by Joseph, seconded by Fouts, the consent calendar was approved.*

1. Approve Meeting Minutes for January 16 and 27 (Annual Meeting), 2019. *Bob Harris noted the minutes of the Annual Meeting needed to be corrected to note that Bonnie Waxman painted the portrait of Mark Joseph, not Bob Harris.*
2. Approve Financial Reports for January 2019.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Community Support
  - a. **Rock Garden Art Event:** Rescheduled due to weather.
  - b. **Chalk Art Event:** Clarified that we would not have a contest with prizes, since it was difficult to award the gift cards after the contest (we have \$40 in gift cards from last year). We would still buy low cost "favors" to give away for all that participated. Oro suggested we use social media to enhance the awareness of the program. After discussion, it was agreed that Patricia, Roberta and Gloria would oversee the event and would arrive at 9:30am. **Joseph made a motion, seconded by Jonette McNaughton, to approve \$100 for the event (\$40 in gift cards and \$60 in funds). Motion passed.**
  - c. **Earth Day:** The Board agreed to participate in the City's Earth Day activities, April 13, possibly hosting a community mosaic table.
  - d. **Scholarships & Grants:** There was discussion about awarding funds for arts in the schools; that we could either award funds to specific schools and let the art teachers decide; or solicit proposals and allocate the funds based on those proposals. **Joseph motioned and Jonette McNaughton seconded, to award two, \$500 grants based on a Call For Proposals. Motion passed.** We discussed we could utilize the School Districts VAPA (Visual and Performing Arts) Coordinator, to get the word out.

2. Community Mosaic
  - a. Joseph discussed the need to select a finalist and that it appeared Nimbus Arts had narrowed it to three. He suggested we should let the Boys & Girls Club decide, since it was their building. We also discussed concerns about the responsiveness of Nimbus Arts, that their annual Nimbash is in May, so there is a limited window of opportunity to work with them, and that discussions with Jamie Graff, their Executive Director, indicated we could keep their estimated budget down. Jonette McNaughton suggested we should discuss the project with another mosaic artist in Vallejo (Tobin). The consensus was to spend up to \$200 for this effort.
3. Art Extravaganza
  - a. The Call For Art is attached and has been posted to our website, emailed to our members and others, and we have received a limited number of entries. Deadline is March 15. We discussed the judges and scheduling the week of the event.
  - b. We will also want to be at City Hall on April 2, in which the City Council will issue a proclamation regarding Arts in April.
  - c. Jen Kansanback from the City presented the case for a "Community Photo Album." The City needs new photos for their website and social media. They want to engage the community and asked the Foundation to partner with them. Motion by Joseph, second by Joey McNaughton, to work with the City on their "Community Photo Album" project.

#### **BUSINESS CALENDAR**

1. Storage Clean Up. Jonette and Roberta planned to tackle this project. Patti would help.
2. Volunteer Recognition Ball: After discussion, we decided to award Patricia Oro as our Community Award Winner, since she is in charge of planning the Extravaganza, and has encouraged using social media more.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

***The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.***

**American Canyon Arts Foundation**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Secretary/Treasurer Mark Joseph called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

1. **Board Members Present:** Patricia Oro, Vice-President; Mark Joseph, Secretary/Treasurer; Francoise Bowlby, Gloria Fouts, Ari Hood, Robert Johnson, and Jonette McNaughton, Directors  
**Board Members Absent:** Patti Krueger, President, Fayza Hamid, Joey McNaughton, Arvind Nischal, Joyti Nischal, Directors  
**Members/Guests Present:** Robert Harris, Cherol Ockrassa
2. **Board Member Comments** – Roberta thanked the Oro Family for their help.
3. **Member Comments** – None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** *On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by Gloria Fouts, the consent calendar was approved.*

1. Approve Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2019.
2. Approve Financial Reports for February 2019

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Community Support: Chalk Art Event.** We clarified the event is the same as prior years, but we weren't judging the artwork. The reason was it made the event more complicated, and usually, one or two of the winners never receive their award. Roberta reported she planned to use the Walmart gift cards to buy Bubbles for everyone. **Call For Proposals – School Grants.** This was continued to the next meeting. **Paint Day for the Kids.** The Board agreed to work with the City to provide instructors and supplies for this event, tentatively scheduled for July 16 or 18. Our instructors would be paid, but not sure how much.
2. **Member Services: Pygmalion Art Contest.** We discussed the rules and timeline. We thought we would start promoting it in May or June, with a reception in August at the Welcome Center. We agreed to purchase approximately 30 sets of the oils. Roberta offered to translate the rules into Spanish, if necessary.
3. **Art Extravaganza:** We reviewed the status of the show and how to promote it. Jonette confirmed the three judges would be Robert Harris (substituting for Pam Jones, due to health issues), Charles White and Lynn Dykstra.
4. **Mosaic Art Project:** We discussed the fact that Anne Pentland of Nimbus was the primary inspiration for the work; but ACHS Senior Student, Yarra Bolla, contributed with her use of children. As a result, **Mark motioned and Jonette seconded, to pay Anne Pentland \$500 and Yarra Bolla, \$100 for the design of the mosaic. Motion passed.** We noted we would announce the winners at the City's Spring Celebration on March 23, and that would also be our first "tiling" event. We wanted as many members as possible to attend, since part of the goal is to train us on how to work with the tiles.

**BUSINESS CALENDAR**

1. **Schedule a Special Membership Meeting in May** to discuss the Foundation's strategic next steps. The Board agreed to do this and noted it may take more than one session to work out the details.
2. **Set up scholarship interviews:** Mark reported he has some 160 applications and he is trying to reduce that number to a manageable one. We need to give the School names by April 12.

**OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

We announced several upcoming events.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.**

*Submitted by Mark Joseph, Secretary/Treasurer, 4/5/19.*

**American Canyon Arts Foundation**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Krueger called the meeting to order at 7:08pm at the American Canyon Library.

1. **Board Members Present:** Patti Krueger, President, Patricia Oro, Vice-President (arrived late), Mark Joseph, Secretary/Treasurer; Francoise Bowlby, Robert Johnson, Roberta Labaw, Joey McNaughton, Jonette McNaughton, Arvind Nischal, Directors  
**Board Members Absent:** Gloria Fouts, Hamid Fayza, Ari Hood, Joyti Nischal, Directors  
**Members/Guests Present:** Cherol Ockrassa
2. **Board Member Comments** – Roberta requested copies of the submitted artwork. She also handed out a copy of art show rules. Jonette said she talked to Michelle Marin who was interested in a piece of art for sale. After discussion, **Mark moved and Jonette seconded, a motion to give Michelle Marin 5 months to pay for the photo art “Sunbeamed” at \$50/month, or a total of \$250; and ACAF would pay the commission to the artist. Motion passed.**
3. **Member Comments** – None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** *On motion by Jonette, seconded by Robert, the consent calendar was approved (Patti abstained—she was not present at the March meeting).*

1. Approve Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2019.
2. Approve Financial Reports for March 2019.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Community Support: Student Scholarships**—Patti and Arvind will review the student applications and decide on the top three candidates (ACAF will sponsor two, \$500 scholarships; The UPS Store will sponsor the third). The Awards Ceremony will be May 23, from 6-8pm at the ACHS Theater. **School Grants**—The Board agreed we should send out a Call For Proposals in August, right before school begins. There was a lot of discussion about the fact that we might have more money for grants and scholarships. Robert made a motion, Jonette seconded, to offer two, \$1000 scholarships. This motion failed on a 2-6 vote. In the end, the Board agreed to leave the allocations as originally planned: two, \$500 scholarships; and two, \$500 school grants.
2. **Member Services: Pygmalion Art Contest**—The Board decided Friday, August 2, from 6-8pm would be the day of the event. As we did last time, we would host a reception for Welcome Center Artists and hold the “People’s Choice” award for the Art Contest. We ordered 30 sets of the three colors, so that was the total contestants. Mark said he would confirm the date with the Welcome Center and update the Flyer. **ACAF Organizational Award Winners**—Patti explained that the Executive Committee felt Jonette McNaughton should receive the award this year, because she has worked so hard on so many of our events. It was discussed that in the past, we gave the award to someone who had not yet received it, but this didn’t recognize those individuals who volunteer year in and year out. We also talked about ways to track our volunteer hours.
3. **Mosaic Art Project:** Board members discussed what we have learned to date with the project. We felt there might be a need for age limits, or at least parental control, for younger “artists.” We also noted we need to have a first aid kit, due to minor cuts from the glass tiles. We set a number of future dates for “tiling:” May 11 (and we would target Mom’s Club members, as well as the general public); June 8, and July 20, all at the Boys & Girls Club. Patti also reported she is setting up a meeting with Ann Pentland of Nimbus to work on the layout of the full panels. Lastly, she asked that Mark check with Brian Farmer regarding any liability insurance issues with the Mosaic Project.

4. Art Extravaganza De-briefing: Mark reported we will probably clear around \$3000 this year, thanks to a larger silent auction. There was a consensus that we need to re-think the event, and begin planning much sooner.

#### **BUSINESS CALENDAR**

1. Special Membership Meeting: The Board felt the best day in May would be the regularly scheduled board meeting, or Tuesday, May 14. Mark noted we may need two sessions—one to talk about our mission and vision, and the priority areas we want to focus on; and then a second session to drill down into more detail about each of those areas. We would notify all members about the meeting, using email wherever possible.
2. AmCan By the Bay: We briefly discussed the need to set up at 9:30 and the event was from 10-2. We would have our mosaic art project, and that was our contribution towards the annual event.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

***The meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.***

*Submitted by  
Mark Joseph, 4/28/19*



## **Notes from the Special Membership Meeting**

### **AMERICAN CANYON ARTS FOUNDATION**

**May 14, 2019**

The meeting was held at the American Canyon Library Public Meeting Room. President Patti Krueger called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

**Members Present:** Patti Krueger, Patricia Oro, Mark Joseph, Francoise Bowlby, Gloria Fouts, Ari Hood, Robert Johnson, Roberta Labaw, Joey McNaughton, Jonette McNaughton, Joyti Nischal Board members; LaDonna Christoffersen, Bob Harris, Jody Lane, Cherol Ockrassa, Chris Tennyson, members. Chris Clark, guest. ***There was a total of 16 members out of 52 total members, or 31%. A quorum was present.***

**Welcome and Background Information.** Patti welcomed the group and explained why we were meeting. Everyone introduced themselves. Mark gave a brief history of the Arts Foundation and highlighted the current financial condition and membership. He noted our cash reserves have grown in the last five years to over \$16,000, which does not include another \$12,000 in funds earmarked for specific purposes (mostly the Mosaic Art project). Membership has averaged in the high 80's, but currently, we only have 52 members.

**Mission Statement:** There was discussion about the mission statement. Bob Harris expressed concern that we don't promote local artists enough and that we focus more on kids. Cherol Ockrassa felt we needed to be more specific about how we "promote" local artists. LaDonna asked about the geographic aspects of our mission statement; that is, we talked about the arts in the Bay Area and then focus on promoting local artists—is there a difference? Joyti Nischal suggested the City could offer us space and we can provide classes or programs. Roberta expressed concern that we are lacking enthusiasm.

In general, there did not appear to be a need to make changes to the Mission Statement, although we should clarify what our geographic area of interest is: just American Canyon, Napa/Solano Counties, the North Bay or the entire Bay Area?

**Vision Statement:** Then we began discussing the Vision Statement. It was noted the term "art center" sounded like a specific location—Mark acknowledged the Vision Statement was prepared when we still had the Gallery. Maybe the term "art community" would be better. Also, there was a question regarding the term "financially rewarding." The concern was that financially was a limiting term—art is more than just financial.

The consensus was that we should replace "center" with "community" and delete "financially."

**Values:** There was a lot of discussion about the description of the four values.

- a) *Creativity.* It was noted that art should not be limited to visual art, so delete the second half of the second sentence: "...and transfer it to a canvass, sculpture or photograph."
- b) *Collaboration:* There were suggestions about changes in the language to make it more positive.
- c) *Dedication:* The consensus was the wording was very dark and needed to be rewritten.
- d) *Service:* There were suggestions to improve how this value read.

It was suggested Cherol Ockrassa provide draft language to rewrite the value statement portion. Beyond wordsmithing, Cherol wanted to know if we can break out the membership between artists and

others, such as community members, or businesses? Chris wanted to know how we can meet other artists in the area.

**Future Goals/Priorities:** The membership identified several new and existing priorities.

- a) *Grow our membership.* That could be artists and non-artists. We could track business licenses to see who new artists in the community are. We need to spend money to advertise and promote the Foundation. Along this line, we need to attract younger members, such as high school art students.
- b) *More Shows.* There was some debate over whether there should be juried art shows or not. Mark suggested we have both—a juried show with well-established judges; and then a community show, in which a limited number of entries per artist would be allowed.
- c) *More artwork in local businesses.*
- d) *Bigger fund raisers.* One suggestion was a gala dinner, similar to the Evening at the Ruins or Nimbash.
- e) *More Public Art,* such as our community mosaic project.
- f) *More Arts & Culture.*
- g) *Collaborate with other art groups*—we could invite them to our board meetings as guest speakers; partner with them on bigger regional shows, etc.
- h) *Improve our connections with the high school*—by helping the Art Club on campus, we could be generating future Foundation members.
- i) *Expand beyond visual arts*—include the spoken word or music.

**Concluding Remarks.** Mark noted he would write up the notes from the meeting and send it out to the membership for comments. We may have a second meeting, more focused on developing a work plan based on the goals/priorities above. Several members noted it takes people to make things happen, which is why expanding our membership is so critical, as well as to engage those members.

Bob Harris noted that Bonnie Waxman could not attend, but provided some written comments, which are attached.

Robert asked how well are other Art Organizations doing? Jody Lane of Vallejo's The Hub, noted they are struggling, but Cherol reported that Fairfield is doing very well. Of course, they have two nice facilities that do not cost them anything! It is a volunteer operation, with 2-3 major art shows per year, and members "docent" 8-10 hours/month.

Patti also announced the Pygmalion Art Contest is back, and the reception will be August 2 at the Welcome Center. Also, we will have two more Mosaic Workshops in June and July, as well as at the Fourth of July.

Cherol suggested art shows at the Welcome Center Gallery should be longer than just one month—perhaps quarterly, with a reception at the end.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

1. Craft shows.
2. Open Studios in artists personal home studios  
Not in business's, or stores.
3. Occasional lunch out, for the artist's.
4. Paint outs for artists and friends, local and nearby.
5. Art extravaganzas that are an extravaganza.... Not just a nice little art show.  
Get back to the community center where you can get more in. Also I notice that since you started with the "juried shows, each year they have shrunk in size..... hmmm wonder what the reason is???
6. Get rid of that hurtful juried system, that you are all thinking it is so great! . Judging is OK, cause even the not so good art can still join the group and enter the show..they don't have to win something, but just to be able to be a part of the festivities, that's a fun feeling just entering and being with the group....

I know "get over it Bonnie" Well I'm sorry but I cannot forget the feeling that I got when I was told I wasn't good enough for their show. I was a new artist and hesitantly entered a Vallejo Art show in about 1959, to show my art for the first time. Not knowing what I was getting into.

I went to the show and enjoyed the art but couldn't find any of my art and when I asked where it was, they said, "Oh it wasn't accepted and is up on the stage, I went up to the stage, located my art amongst several other losers, picked them up and walked out with my "tail between my legs" and never went back.

None of my art was accepted. No reason why it was not good enough their show. wow what a great way to make money for the club. Hurt peoples feelings, and keep their money.....anyway who cares ??? Just say "Oh get over it"

I know another young new artist that joined OUR club, so she could enter her work, she entered 4 paintings, NONE were good enough for you guys. And as she also walked away with her tail between her legs, She told me.. "I knew I wasn't good enough, I shouldn't have done it." She put out over \$100 to join the club, **OUR CLUB!!** She entered her paintings and got nothing out of it..... And she too didn't come back. Why should she. I know,, Get over it!!! Right????, I'm sorry I couldn't do that to anybody....

I don't care if the big shot art shows are doing that, I don't think of us as Big Shot, I think of us as community..... where everyone is welcome. That was the reason behind this art group in the first place, It was for everyone..... the categories were... Special needs kids, Youth, Beginners, and Professionals.

Also where are all the scrapbooks that were made up of all our earlier shows? They were made for people to look back on, and enjoy, (especially those of us that are not computer savvy), and not to waste away , piled in some box somewhere.

I know.... GET OVER IT BONNIE..... NAH... I don't think so.....☹

**American Canyon Arts Foundation**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Krueger called the meeting to order at 7:13pm at the American Canyon Public Library Meeting Room.

1. **Board Members Present:** Patti Krueger, President; Patricia Oro, Vice-President; Mark Joseph, Secretary/Treasurer; Gloria Fouts, Robert Johnson, Roberta Labaw, Joey McNaughton, Jonette McNaughton, directors  
**Board Members Absent:** Francoise Bowlby, Fayza Hamid, Ari Hood, Arvind Nischal, Joyti Nischal, directors  
**Members/Guests Present:** Cherol Ockrassa, LaDonna Christopherson; Robert Harris
2. **Board Member Comments** – None.
3. **Member Comments** – Robert Harris asked about the status of a juried vs. community show. He was told it would be discussed as part of the Follow Up to the Membership Meeting.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** *On motion by M. Joseph, seconded by G. Fouts, items 1-3 of the consent calendar was approved.*

1. Approve Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2019
2. Approve Membership Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2019
3. Approve Financial Reports for May 2019.
4. Approve General Liability Insurance Renewal for 2019-20. *After discussion, motion by M. Joseph and Seconded by Jonette McNaughton, the item was approved.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Community Support (Mosaic Art Project):** We discussed the fact that KTVU will be doing a show on American Canyon and they wanted the mosaic art project as a part of that live show. The event starts at 9 but we need to be there earlier for set up. We also talked about a booth at the Fourth of July (for membership info and promoting the Pygmalion Art Contest), but we would direct traffic to the mosaic workshop inside the Boys & Girls Club. We would have a Pancake Breakfast first and then set up; break for the parade and then staff both sites until 4pm. In terms of progress, we are almost done with the first panel, we are ordering more tile from Nimbus and they are starting on the second panel outline. Future Meetings: Beyond KTVU and the Fourth, we will hold another session at the Boys & Girls Club on Sat. July 20, set up at 9am; open 10-4pm. We also tentatively set August 17 and Sept. 14 as our next dates. We would look into hosting a session at Las Casitas MHP and the Senior Center, and check to see if the Kiwanis wanted to have a mosaic party. Other sites include the DoubleTree Movie Night.
2. **Member Services:** We talked about the need to promote the **Pygmalion Art Contest**, especially at the Fourth of July, and on Facebook. We also noted that Jonette is organizing a **Youth Art Activity** for the City on July 16, in which the artists will be reimbursed (by the City). It will be from 8am to noon, either at the Gym or the Wetlands area.
3. **Arts and Culture:** We discussed that we had been asked to sponsor the Middle-Eastern Cultural Event, but declined. The reasons included the lack of time to bring it to the Board for consideration and the fact that the sponsor was not an ACAF member.

**BUSINESS CALENDAR**

1. **Follow up from the Membership Meeting:** Patti reported she felt the membership supported *what* we were doing but may not *how* we are doing it. For example, members want to see more art shows and services for members. Specifically, we need to clarify our “Values” section, and we need to include a 3-year projection of projects and programs, and ensure the responsibility is evenly distributed, to avoid burn-out. The Art Extravaganza needs to be in town, and we need

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to create a non-juried show as well. Better planning and calendaring of events was also needed. Cherol Ockrassa expressed the need to provide more exposure for artists, and that we should address the fact that several board members are not attending board meetings. Roberta Labaw suggested we bring back the paint outs we used to do, and Robert Harris reaffirmed his opposition to a Juried Show, noting that the Director's Show (linked to the Art Extravaganza) was really viewed as for the artists that weren't good enough. It was emphasized that if we created a non-juried show, it would be at a different time and format than the Art Extravaganza. *Patti recommended we refer this issue to the Executive Committee to develop a plan for the Board to consider.*

2. **Storage Cleanup:** Patti reported that we are making progress in organizing our space, but more needs to be done. She also noted that there's a lot of stuff that we don't need and was taking up space. Those items will either be tossed or members could take them home with them.

### **OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Mural on the new Post Office building: Mark brought up the idea that we should paint a mural on the sides of the new Post Office, since it is very white and there is very little architectural distinction. ***Patti moved and Jonette seconded, a motion to support this idea with a Call For Artists, along with a stipend for their effort. The motion passed.*** Mark will follow up and try to find a Post Office Contact.
2. Cherol Ockrassa announced that Dennis Ariza from Fairfield will be our featured artist at the Welcome Center Gallery, starting this weekend.

***The meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.***

*Minutes prepared by  
Mark Joseph, 6/23/19*

**American Canyon Arts Foundation**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Krueger called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

1. **Board Members Present:** Patti Krueger, President; Patricia Oro, Vice-President; Mark Joseph, Secretary/Treasurer; Robert Johnson, Roberta Labaw, Joey McNaughton, Jonette McNaughton, Directors  
**Board Members Absent:** Francoise Bowlby, Gloria Fouts, Fayza Hamid, Ari Hood, Arvind Nischal, Joyti Nischal, Directors  
**Members/Guests Present:** None
2. **Board Member Comments** – There was a general discussion about the Fourth of July festivities; that the Mosaic Project received a lot of visitors and we even earned one new member!
3. **Member Comments** – None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** *On motion by Joseph, seconded by Johnson, the consent calendar was approved.*

1. Approve Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2019.
2. Approve Financial Reports for June 2019.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Community Support:** **a) Mosaic Art Project.** We confirmed additional dates for our tile workshops: July 17 (with the Chamber Ambassador group); and July 20<sup>th</sup>, August 17<sup>th</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup> (all at the Boys & Girls Club). We discussed a different treatment for the pathway in Panel 3, suggested by Nimbus. The consensus was to stick with using all smaller tiles. **b) Chili Cookoff.** We discussed whether to rent a booth and/or enter the chili contest. We were a little unsure on costs and needed to know if we could use an existing cooking setup. Mark would follow up.
2. **Member Services:** **a) Pygmalion Art Contest.** We discussed the upcoming reception and Mark handed out a note from Cherol Ockrassa, reminding everyone who showed their art to bring one or two pieces for the reception. As for food items, Patti would bring wine; Mark would bring cheese and fruit (and possibly a Kahlua Cake); and Patricia would bring waters and soft drinks. **b) Hosting the Chamber's Marketplace at the City's Tree Lighting event.** Patti reported that the Chamber was offering us the chance to run this one-day event. After discussion, we talked about charging a booth fee, because that would make it easier to track and administer. We could use our existing crafter contacts as well as use some of the existing vendors. We could also have See's Candies for sale. **Joseph made a motion; Krueger seconded, that we would host the 2019 Marketplace, since the Chamber was not able to produce it this year.** **c) This year's Holiday Boutique.** Mark reported they may not be any good spaces this year, and that was part of the rationale for doing the Marketplace instead. However, after discussion, it was agreed we would explore two sites: the old Umpqua Bank site and the vacant site at the Safeway Complex (where we held our original Boutique) **d) Other art shows.** Patti talked about the idea of a weekend show at the Senior Center. She talked to Creighton Wright about getting a discount on the rental, but we needed some dates to move forward. This would offer something our members have asked for. Robert stressed the need to promote and advertise these shows, using signage, flyers, and other advertising techniques.
3. **Arts in April/Art Extravaganza:** There was some discussion about the need to host the show in American Canyon, despite the generosity of SpringHill Suites. Possible locations included the DoubleTree and the old Umpqua Bank. Mark explained that the TBID is not likely to give us a cash sponsorship but would give us an in-kind amount for marketing the event and promoting it.

We also need to include “pop up” art shows at the hotels and restaurants, and possibly find a guest speaker.

**BUSINESS CALENDAR**

1. Post Office Mural: Mark reported he made some inquiries but no one has gotten back to him. He would follow up.
2. Board Member Attendance: We discussed the fact that there are several Board Members that have not been able to make the meetings. Even though in many cases there are very legitimate reasons, this creates a problem just being able to conduct the meetings (no quorum). The consensus was that we should contact Board Members that have failed to show up on a regular basis and let them know that they can still be active members, but not serve on the board—at least until their situation changes and they can make the meetings. We could also consider operating with a smaller board. Once the new board is reconstituted, it was suggested that we include a photo and brief biography for each of the Board Members.

**OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

***The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.***

*Minutes submitted by  
Mark Joseph, 7/19/19.*



**American Canyon Arts Foundation**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Notes – August 13, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Krueger called the meeting to order at approximately 7:15. However, there was no quorum present, so no formal action could be taken.

1. ***Board Members Present:*** Patti Krueger, President; Patricia Oro, Vice-President; Mark Joseph, Secretary-Treasurer; Gloria Fouts, Roberta Labaw, Directors  
***Board Members Absent:*** Francoise Bowlby, Robert Johnson, Joey McNaughton, Jonette McNaughton, Arvind Nischal, Directors  
***Members/Guests Present:*** None
2. **Board Member Comments** – None.
3. **Member Comments** – None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** *These matters were continued to the next meeting.*

1. Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2019
2. Financial Reports for July 2019

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Mosaic Project:** Patti reported the tiles are on order, but we won't receive them in time for the August workshop—it will need to be canceled. We scheduled two more: Oct. 19 and Nov. 16, pending availability of the Boys & Girls Club. Patti also noted she requested Nimbus to generate the third panel outline, since we are moving rather quickly. We also need to find someone who can help design the framing and installation of the panels (to ensure they will not collapse over time). Mark said he would check with the City Manager, who is also a Civil Engineer.
2. **Chili Cookoff participation:** There are several events going on that day, and since Patti isn't available, the consensus was to skip this opportunity.
3. **Holiday Boutique/Marketplace:** Patti reported we have an agreement to host the Marketplace at the City's Tree Lighting Ceremony, rather than the Chamber (due to availability of Chamber staff). We would just charge the vendors a fee, versus a commission. We would also allow for half tables, at a reduced cost. On the Holiday Boutique, Mark reported he talked to Rick Hess about using the old Umpqua Bank office for the boutique and this was tentatively ok. We would charge a 30% commission for any sales, as well as sell See's Candies. Since we have a location this early, we can start promoting it with flyers, posters, and ads.
4. **Future Art Shows:** Patti talked to Creighton Wright, City Recreation Manager and reported the City wants to let us use their Senior Center and other City facilities for art shows and projects. We need to set some dates and promote. We talked about possible events focused on youth art shows (as part of the Spring Fling date) as well as community shows (in which everyone's art is accepted). And we talked about when the best weekend in April for the Extravaganza. We need to work around Earth Day, Easter and Volunteer Recognition Day.

**BUSINESS CALENDAR**

1. Mark reported the Post Office cannot accept our offer to paint a mural on their newly refurbished office in American Canyon.

**OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

***The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45pm.***



**American Canyon Arts Foundation**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Krueger called the meeting to order at 7:13pm at the American Canyon Public Library Meeting Room.

1. **Board Members Present:** Patti Krueger, President; Patricia Oro, Vice-President; Mark Joseph, Secretary/Treasurer; Gloria Fouts, Roberta Labaw, Jonette McNaughton, and Joey McNaughton, Directors  
**Board Members Absent:** Francoise Bowlby, Arvind Nischal, and Robert Johnson, Directors.  
**Members/Guests Present:** Cherol Ockrassa, member
2. **Board Member Comments** – Mark passed around a copy of a Thank You letter from Robyn Elizabeth-Yan, one of our two Scholarship recipients for this year.
3. **Member Comments** – None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** *On motion by Jonette, seconded by Joey, the consent calendar was approved.*

1. Approve Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2019.
2. Approve Meeting Notes for August 13, 2019.
3. Approve Financial Reports for August 2019.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Mosaic Update:** Our next workshop is this Saturday. Mark agreed to help Patti load up her car on Friday; and that he had reached out to the Engineer for the local Warehouse Developers (SDG) for help on the installation. Patti reported that more of the tiles are in, and Patricia will pick them up from Nimbus. There are still several sections that are missing tiles. Patti also reported we may add another date—October 5, the same day as the Soroptimists Car Show and the Chamber's Great American Canyon Quest (we will be one of the "quests"). This should get us a lot of community members to help out.
2. **Holiday Boutique & Magic Marketplace:** Patti reported that Rick Hess will let us use the old Umpqua Bank Office for the Holiday Boutique. The dates would be between Thanksgiving & Christmas (11/30/19 to 12/23 or 24/19). This means we can have See's Candies as well as a year end party at the Boutique. Since we are also doing the City's Magic of the Season Marketplace, we may close early that evening. Otherwise, we would be open from 11am to 8pm during the week and possibly earlier on the weekends. We need to have at least 2 people staffing the boutique at any time, which should also include the crafts people. We would charge a 30% commission for the Boutique sales, and a flat \$50/table for the Marketplace.
3. **School Teacher Grants:** Patti noted we have already received three requests and the deadline is 9/30/19.
4. **Member Services:** We talked about art shows associated with upcoming City events:
  - **Tree Lighting event** (a Christmas theme, with craft activities for the kids);
  - **Spring Celebration** (a Youth Art Show with Silent Auction; held at the Boys & Girls Club, with a reception on Saturday, March 21; and we will still have the Chalk Art, but we'll need a new chair);
  - **Volunteer Recognition Ball** (with a clock/calendar theme—but we're not sure why!! It's a secret);
  - And the ongoing **Welcome Center Gallery**. Cherol asked for shelves for our racks and we agreed we should buy them.
  - We also talked about the next **AmCan by the Bay** (April 18, 2020)—we could host a plein air painting experience—assuming we finish the Mosaic project by then!

We also talked about teaching opportunities for our members, working with the City's Recreation Department, especially at the Senior Center.

And the Art Extravaganza will be April 24-26, 2020, probably at the Gym. It will return to more of the traditional Community Art Show—all entries are shown, and it will be judged for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place by category.

#### **BUSINESS CALENDAR**

1. Membership Renewals: Mark noted the renewal time is fast approaching and that we would probably have a Letter Stuffing party in November.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Halloween at the Canyon Plaza: Patti reported that Rick Hess would love the Arts Foundation (or other community groups) to promote his annual Halloween Trick or Treat event, from 3-6pm. Last year was very successful, and groups could have an info booth (as long as we had candy to give away!) If Sherry Tennyson, who historically organized this event, is still doing that, all we need to do is promote the event and show up. It would give us a great chance to promote the Holiday Boutique.
2. Student Interns: Mark announced we are getting High School Art Students asking for internships or community service hours. Although we don't have an Internship Program, we could use their help for our activities.

***The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.***

*Minutes submitted by*  
*Mark Joseph, 9/25/19*

**American Canyon Arts Foundation**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Joseph called the meeting to order at approximately 7pm

1. **Board Members Present:** Patti Krueger, President; Patricia Oro, Vice-President; Gloria Fouts, Jonette McNaughton, Robert Johnson, Roberta Labaw, and Joey McNaughton, Directors.  
**Board Members Absent:** Mark Joseph, Secretary/Treasurer; Francoise Bowlby, Arvind Nischal, Directors.  
**Members/Guests Present:** Benson Bai, Julio Garcia, Micah Scott, Gianna Valencia, Jasmine Goon, Jacobo Lopez, Jana Mielle Olano, Shelly Mejia, ACHS Students; Cherol Ockrassa, Member
2. **Board Member Comments** – None.
3. **Member Comments** – None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. The Board approved the minutes for the September 10, 2019 meeting.
2. The Board approved the financial reports for September 2019.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Community Support/Teacher Grants: After discussion, the Board approved \$1000 towards the following grants (including the amount for each grant):
  - ACHS Drama Department: \$400
  - ACHS Art Department: \$200
  - “Awareness Through Art” Program, DWES: \$400
2. Mosaic Art Project Update: President Krueger provided an update on this project.
3. Member Services: President Krueger reviewed many of the upcoming events and activities that the Foundation will be involved in, either taking a lead role (such as the Holiday Boutique) or participating in (such as the Halloween Trick or Treat event at Canyon Plaza).

**BUSINESS CALENDAR**

1. Discuss how we can work with High School Art Students: Several ACHS Art students were present at the Board meeting. There was a good discussion about how the Foundation can benefit from Student involvement, and vice-versa.
2. Use of Guest Speakers for future board meetings. One idea that emerged from the Membership Meeting in May was the idea of inviting guest speakers to our Board meetings. Such guest speakers could be from other Art Associations in the area, as well as other community organizations that have a partnership potential with ACAF. Having guest speakers would give the Board “food for thought” and possibly attract ACAF members to participate more in the meetings.

**OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

***The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.***

**American Canyon Arts Foundation**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Krueger called the meeting to order at 11:02 am at the *Boys & Girls Club of American Canyon*.

1. **Board Members Present:** Patti Krueger, President; Patricia Oro, Vice-President; Mark Joseph, Secretary/Treasurer; Gloria Fouts, Jonette McNaughton, Joey McNaughton, Arvind Nischal, Robert Johnson, Roberta Labaw, Directors  
**Board Members Absent:** Francoise Bowlby, Director  
**Members/Guests Present:** None.
2. **Board Member Comments** – None.
3. **Member Comments** – None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve Meeting Minutes for October 8, 2019 – Continued to the January meeting.
2. Approve Financial Reports for October 2019 -- ***On motion by Jonette, seconded by Joey, the Financial Report was approved.***

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Community Mosaic Art Project: Patti reported we are nearing the end of tiling the artwork, and there were no workshops planned for the rest of the year. We plan on having the mosaic set up for the Holiday Boutique, and we hopefully will finish the third panel. Then we will need to “knit” the sections together; decide on the framing and actually frame the three panels, and lastly, engineer the installation process. We will also be able to use space at the Kiwanis’ Food Pantry in January & early February to store the finished panels, pending installation. There was discussion regarding using Nimbus to help us with the installation or get local contractors to help. We are also approaching the Home Depot in Napa to see if we can find a contractor who would volunteer their services. Financially, we have not received a current invoice from Nimbus for their time or tiles; however, we have enough money to cover those expenses. Installation could be expensive, depending on finding a volunteer company; we should consider reaching out to members of the community who would be willing to donate toward the project.
2. Member Services: We discussed the ***Holiday Boutique***. We plan to open on Saturday, Nov. 30 and we need to get our insurance in order (adding Canyon Plaza as an Additional Insured). We will have an Open House on Friday, Dec. 13 from 6-8pm. We are also putting together a See’s Candies order—if we get \$2000 worth of candy, we will get a 5% discount. Patricia offered to develop a Boutique Flyer, if Mark could get her info and photos. As for inventory, we will have a table of items donated to ACAF (that is, we would get 100% of the proceeds); otherwise, we will take a 30% commission. We also discussed the ***Tree Lighting/Marketplace***. We agreed to offer space for free for nonprofits. We would also allow our Boutique Crafters the option of selling at the Marketplace and rely on the honor system regarding the 30% commission. We would have See’s candies there as well as some craft activities for the kids.

**BUSINESS CALENDAR**

1. Membership Renewal: Mark reported he had the materials to stuff renewal notices to our current members and potential new members/renewals. After the meeting, we can all help to get the envelopes stuffed—Mark will mail them early next week.

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2. New Board Members for 2020: We discussed the need to find new board members. We talked about approaching the AC Parks Foundation, or other community groups, for prospective members.
3. Annual Membership Meeting: The Board agreed to set Sunday, January 26, 2020 as our annual Membership Meeting. Mark will contact Lasso Restaurant (or other locations) for a site and price. A potential guest speaker could be Summer Heartt, the ACHS Theater Teacher. We also talked about recognizing Bonnie Waxman, since she may be relocating out of the area.

**OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

We agreed to skip the December meeting, but hold a regular Board meeting in January (usually, we cancel the January meeting due to the annual membership meeting).

***The meeting adjourned at 11:48 pm.***

*Minutes submitted by*  
*Mark Joseph, 12/1/2019*

**American Canyon Arts Foundation**  
**Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Patti Krueger called the special meeting to order at 3:30pm. The meeting was held at the Holiday Boutique, 3417 Broadway, Space J-2, American Canyon.

1. ***Board Members Present:*** Patti Krueger, President; Mark Joseph, Secretary/Treasurer; Roberta Labaw, Joey McNaughton, Jonette McNaughton, Francois Bowlby, Directors  
***Board Members Absent:*** Patricia Oro, Vice-President; Gloria Fouts, Robert Johnson, Arvind Nischal, Directors  
***Members/Guests Present:*** None.
2. **Board Member Comments** – None.
3. **Member Comments** – None.

**BUSINESS CALENDAR**

1. **Update on the Boutique:** President Krueger explained the need for the special meeting, which was due to a potential conflict between our Boutique operations and the High School Cheerleaders group, who wanted the building in the evenings. When we called the meeting, it appeared we couldn't resolve the conflict. However, we talked to Rick Hess, the landlord, and he assured us he would find a different site for the Cheerleaders. There were other discussions about how we could work things out, but for now, it appears that we won't have a problem.
2. **Promoting the Boutique:** We talked about getting a banner for the highway-facing side, and to create a quarter-page version of our flyer. We would also create Facebook posts, especially for the Dec. 13 Reception. Regarding the reception, we confirmed that Mark would bring pizza and a fruit & veggie tray; Patti would bring cheese & crackers; Jonette & Patti would bring wine and cookies.
3. **Marketplace:** Due to weather (a big rain event is expected for this weekend), we will cancel the art component, and skip the craft activities. Mainly, we will just have See's Candy to sell, and set up is at 5pm.

**OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

***The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.***

*Minutes submitted by*  
*Mark Joseph, Secretary/Treasurer, 1/5/2020*