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MISSION STATEMENT

The American Canyon Arts
Foundation strives to
maintain, enhance and
support the role of the arts
in our community.

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SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:00pm

A special membership meeting has been called by the Board of Directors for Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00pm. It will be held at the American Canyon Public Library Meeting Room, 300 Crawford Way, American Canyon. All members as of May 1, 2019 are invited to attend and participate.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the future directions of the Arts Foundation and to set a new strategic plan for the Foundation. There may be a second membership meeting, depending upon the progress made at the May 14th meeting.

The Agenda is as follows:

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Brief history and status of the Arts Foundation
- 3. ACAF's attached Mission, Vision and Values—are they still valid?
- 4. What should be the key focus areas for the Foundation?
- 5. Develop the elements for success for each new focus area/goal
- 6. Determine next steps
- 7. Other Membership business
- 8. Adjourn

Section One: Mission Statement

The mission of ACAF shall be to maintain, enhance and support the role of the arts in American Canyon and the greater Bay Area; to familiarize the public with the recreational, cultural and economic significance of the arts; to encourage and promote local artists; and to provide financial and other assistance to the arts in our public schools.

Section Two: Vision Statement

The Vision of the American Canyon Arts Foundation is to become a vibrant, thriving art center that is self-sustaining, financially rewarding for artists and a cultural asset for the community.

Section Three: Values

The values of an organization define how that organization wants to conduct itself in business and in the community; they represent the principles that drive that organization. In short, they reflect the Foundation's culture.

- 1. Creativity: As an organization dedicated to the arts and artists, creativity is an essential element. Creativity is needed to interpret the world around us and transfer it to a canvass, sculpture or photograph. Creativity distinguishes the arts from merely recording events and images.
- 2. *Collaboration:* ACAF understands that it cannot achieve its mission by itself. Rather, we must partner with civic and community groups, other art organizations and the general public if we are to be successful. Collaboration also means we learn from others, as well as use the strength and resources of others to succeed in our own endeavors. It also means we need to be prepared to extend a helping hand to our partners when they need that support.
- 3. **Dedication:** The history of ACAF is a story of constant struggle and perseverance. We have survived, not because we have a large following or patrons with deep pockets; rather, it has been based on the hard work and sacrifice of our members. For years we have made it on very little, and now that we are becoming more organized and professional, we need to remember that tenacity and dedication. We need to realize that dedication is a strength that will keep us in good times and bad.
- 4. **Service:** We are a support group for artists, but we are also a part of the community. We need to give back as much as we ask in support. Service is more than how we handle fellow artists and customers or patrons; rather, it should permeate the organization and be reflected in our dealings with other organizations and the community at large.