

St. Clair Art Association
2018 Annual Membership Meeting
Tuesday, October 23, 7:00 PM

Call to Order and Welcome given by Jason Stier. Jason introduced our guest speaker, Suzanne Cybulla, the Superintendent of East China Schools.

ECSD Bond Proposal presentation given by guest speaker, Suzanne Cybulla. The presentation included data supporting the necessary consolidation of schools as well as cost summaries for various solutions. A recommended plan from the bond steering committee was presented. The plan is to build a combined campus on the property already owned by the district, on Meisner Road. A brief question and answer session followed the presentation.

Proof of Meeting Notice was given to members as they arrived. - Notice was published on our Facebook page on October 11, and on our website on October 17th. Additionally, membership was emailed on October 17th.

Meeting minutes of 2017 were available to membership upon arrival to the meeting.

Introduction of Current Board by Jason Stier. Jason announced each board member and they stood up or raised their hand to identify themselves to membership. Current board members are: Sandy Attebury, Gwen Bresinski, Lori Hannon, Elizabeth Harvey, Judy Heintz, Helen McCartan, Steve Path, Vicky Path, Marie Rediess, John Steffy, Jason Stier, Gregory Towne and Twila Wayt.

Annual Financial Report - A brief summary was given by Gwen Bresinski. The overall financial health of the organization is good. We had a successful run at fundraisers and the education department keeps growing.

Committee Reports

Art Fair - Steven Path spoke on the art fairs current planning status and explained the committee's decision not to include "Consumables" in the art fair. He also discussed the current placement of artist booths and status on street closure requests. The Artful Dodger Race will now include a 10K run as well as a 5K. We are working with public art on possible banners that will advertise the art fair.

Education - There has been an increase in variety of classes offered. Enrollment is steady. Saturday activities have been planned for Yuletyme season.

Facilities: Jason Stier explained how the plaza operates. It is a condominium complex with 21 different owners involved. The board is working with developers to keep the momentum going. The plaza is currently looking at grants for updated led lighting and solar glass.

Exhibits: We had the "Emerging Artists" exhibit during the art fair. Lisa Hershmeier had to postpone her exhibit. We are adding an elementary art show in the spring. If you know anyone that would like to have an exhibit, apply at the gallery.

Public Art: We are continuing to consider façade changes. But have shifted focus to the parking lot signage. The committee is also working on a plan for street banners in collaboration with the art fair committee.

Fundraisers: The Pop-up Gala event went well. We are already planning next year. The date will be Sept 7th, 2019. We have applied for the permits and have a call out to the band. We will start asking for support in January.

Volunteer of the Year: Announced by Jason Stier, is Helen McCartan for all her hard work on the Pop-Up Gala event.

Election of Directors: Nominating committee passed out ballots and information on the slate of nominees. Nominees were introduced, and membership voted. 29 Ballots were cast and the following were elected:

Sandy Attebury
Bill Littlejohn
Candy Paeth
Stephen Path
Brandi Schmitz
Mauri Lane Sutton
Twila Wayt

Introduction of 2nd Guest speaker: Maurie Sutton spoke on the subject of “networking”. She outlined a brief history on how she got involved in networking in her own real estate business and ultimately assisting the artist community. She volunteers her efforts and gets artwork into businesses. Brandi Schmitz suggested that we comment on posts to keep them at the top of our various Facebook Pages where they appear. Simply “Liking” them does not move us to the top of the page.

Suggested Connections:

- Artful Allies is a new Facebook Page designed to help artist share events and their work.
- Art Marketing group meets the last Tuesday of the month at Marine City’s Library 6PM -7

Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 8:32PM