

**The Annual St. Clair Art Association Membership Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.**  
**at the Alice W. Moore Center for the Arts**

- I. Welcome/Roll Call 5:40 pm - Attendance taken via sign in sheet on front counter
- II. Proof of Meeting Notice - Posted on the counter
- III. Minutes from 2021 Annual Membership Meeting – Available for guests on the counter
- IV. Introduction of Current Board
  - President— Stephen Path
  - Vice President--- Twila Wayt
  - (absent) Treasurer---Gwen Bresinski
  - (absent) Secretary---Lori Hannon
  - Directors---Sandy Attebury
    - (absent) Dan Chetcuti
    - (absent) Michele Fagan
    - Dave Fry
    - (via google meet online) Paul Saunders
    - John Steffy
    - Tristin Watson
    - Jeff Wessel
  - Office Manager---Cathy Ingles

V. Annual Financial Report – submitted by Gwen Bresinski: Here is a brief summary of our financial information as of September 30, 2022. This is the end of our fiscal year; however, there are still a few year-end adjustments to be recorded before the year is finalized. Our membership dues are down slightly over the prior year. In total, our contributions and grants are about even with the prior year. Total gallery sales including exhibits are up a bit as are the consignment payments which directly reflect the actual sales. And I am happy to report that our class revenue increased by 80% this year! This year's Art Fair was a success as well! We have seen a 25% increase in our utility costs. And I shudder to look at the unrealized losses on our investment account. Keep in mind, we have not lost the investment until we sell which we have no need for- this in the foreseeable future. I know we are all hopeful that the market turns around sooner than later. We did make some very nice dividends on our investments earlier in the year. Not including our unrealized loss in the market, I expect we will show a small loss from operations this year. However, our goal is to save for any larger projects we anticipate in the near future, and spend what we need on expanding and improving our offerings to the public.

VI. Committee Reports/Year in Review

1. Education – submitted by Carolyn / John: 2022 has brought new improvements to our classroom. Thank you, Dave and Stephen, for installing a new classroom and bathroom sink and clay trap as well as new lighting. We have been replenishing our clay materials to prepare for the next sic class sessions. Thanks to all who helped bring in and stack the clay order.

Our summer classes went well. We have been incorporating new instructors into our art program and always are looking for more. Dan Chetcuti is continuing to do a wonderful job as our clay throwing teacher.

Jenny Walker has done painting workshops. Our newest addition is Patricia Bober. She will have classes and workshops in bookbinding. Jan Gunning will have Christmas wreath workshops. Twila is doing a great job teaching youth classes.

We are working on scheduling renowned, water colorist Tony Warren for a workshop or demonstration. New ideas are on the horizon for the upcoming class sessions that will continue to expand our educational program.

Last weekend, our first potters market happened and was pretty good! Attending potters will be returning an evaluation form which will help us improve operations. Thanks to all who believed in this project and helped to make it happen. Our networking with mall merchants went well.

2. Office/Facilities – submitted by Cathy Ingles: Things have been very busy in the office with our year-end reporting. I am very pleased to say that **Karen Rooks** has offered to be our volunteer coordinator again! It would be nice to have some people volunteer to contact artists to pick up work that has been in gallery awhile.

The first time that the Potter's Market was held here was fabulous! **Thanks to Carolyn** for her professional organization and to her dedicated team! I would also like to thank **Valerie Jacobson** for her help with balancing the sales deposits for that weekend. The total taken in was **\$12,062.79**—MOSTLY exhibit sales...with a few gallery sales, memberships & class tuition paid. We had 721 visitors in the gallery- many that have never been here before- or even to St Clair before. Please like/follow us (stclairart) on facebook and share our posts, thank you!

3. Exhibits – submitted by Sandy: Congratulations to Carolyn and her crew, for organizing and all the Potters for displaying their work at the first SCAA Potters Market! And to all the others who made it possible by helping set up, wrapping up the purchased pots, the volunteers at the front counter & those who helped take down the displays after it was all over! It was a fantastic success!

The Gallery had a constant stream of visitors who were happy to shop!!!

It was a financially successful fundraiser for the SCAA.

So much so, that the word is we'll be hosting the same show in October of 2023!

big Bravo to all involved! It was a wonderful weekend, thank you so much.

Gallery – Sandy: A big thanks to Dave Fry & Jeff Wessel for painting and re-installing the Awning above the Riverside door. The back door is also sporting a jazzy new paint job, with plans of more to come! Thank you to you both!

I am in the process of putting together the Exhibit schedule for 2023. There will be a couple of new exhibits. One I have in mind will be a 'Call to Artists' for an Exhibit about 'The River' and 'Artists who Teach' in Sept. The Public Art Committee, Trice Hawkins from the City, and the Historical Museum will be hosting a Ribbon Cutting event to celebrate the completed Freighter Project along the Boardwalk. We have been asked to host a reception here in the gallery for that event in May of 2023. That seems a perfect time to also have an Exhibit highlighting our beautiful ever-changing river, from an Artist's perspective, in any media! More information to follow!

4. Art Fair - We are joining up with the St Clair Jazz Festival and will be called '**The St Clair Art Fair/Jazz Festival**'. The city has approved the shutdown of M-29. Art Fair and food trucks in the street/ Jazz Festival in the south end of the park. Next meeting is in one week, Tuesday, Nov 1 here at 5:00 pm. Save the dates August 19 & 20, 2023...we will need lots of help, thanks!

5. Public Art – Jason Stier: Some completed projects included storm drain paintings in St. Clair, Marine City and Port Huron. The Freighter project was completed along the Boardwalk. A new skateboard bench was installed in Greig Park and painting of some walls.

6. Fundraising/Grants – There is a committee that is working on developing a brochure about the Art Association and what we would like to accomplish. Our plan is to meet with possible corporate sponsors and present this to them.

7. Gallery Refresh – Looks good, but still in progress. Stronger led lighting is being installed.

8. Media Arts – Our re-vamped website still needs some updating. We strongly use facebook. Need some up-dated tv videos.

VII. Call for Volunteers – We need volunteers for the gallery for greeters and sales. We have a prime location and people are returning to the plaza.

VIII. Election of Directors – we do have some vacancies.

a. Nominating Committee – Sandy and Jason oversaw.

b. Introduction of Candidates - Heather Hyslop, Lisa Hermesmeyer and Lydia Nicholas.

c. Election – forms were distributed.

IX. Welcome New Board Members

X. Priorities for 2023 and beyond

XI. Adjournment at 6:18 pm followed by Member Social

Respectfully submitted by

Cathy Ingles

SCAA Office Manager