

Artist Enclave of Historic Kenwood

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2022 – 6:30pm

Hawthorne Bottle Shop-East Side Meeting Space

Regular Monthly Meeting was combined with an impromptu 'toast-celebration' for studio tour participants, volunteers and sponsors, all of whom were invited.

Alexis Baum served as AVI support as well as supporting the 'celebration' aspect of this particular meeting, handing out drink tickets to attendees.

Luci Westphal opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Present

25 AEHK members and guests attended the official part of the meeting, more joined for the toast and screening after.

Meeting Actual

Each Luci introduced herself as the new Liaison, and stated that she was honored to serve in this capacity. The crowd went wild. Big applause:) Luci thanked the former Liaisons including Martha Sammy and Lisa Presnail, another round of applause.

Luci briefly outlined a new format she proposes, beginning now, that of first half of meeting being business, 2nd half being social, where artists can share individual triumphs, needs, and in general support each other.

Luci introduced 2 visitors, both are new neighbors and one is a new artist member, Letisia, and Bob, from Miami. Luci showed the work of Letisia's, something she bought and brought to the meeting.

Bryan Klopfenstein was reintroduced, having joined a few months ago, but his first meeting was last year, as a guest. Bryan is officially a member. He is a musician, and has a live broadcast every Thursday at 8 pm of his music.

Dwayne Shepherd Introduced his guest, Steve Pettifor, who is also an art teacher and joined the AEHK officially that evening.

Paula indicated perhaps Kat should be introduced, however Kat already joined earlier, this being her 2nd meeting. Kat is a performance artist, contortionist. Kat did a brief overview of her work.

Luci ran through the numbers related to this year's tour: 850 visitors, she stated budget numbers, and gave an overview of the success of the event. In addition, she touched upon what went well and what we could do different aspects of this year's tour, based upon the feedback from those people who completed the surveys. A couple topics were discussed:

Trolley/ wide variety in responses.

Performing Arts Artists- "should their performance schedules be posted/listed?" Mike Baker suggested they should also be paid to perform. Jim Woodfield suggested that perhaps those artists that sell work can pay a commission to the tour itself, and that money be used to pay for performing arts.

Paul asked "when will we go back to 2x per year?" Luci replied, hold that thought, we will get to that.

Luci presented a roster of ideas that were gleaned from the feedback from post tour surveys. In addition to the roster Luci provided a list of 'subjects' that people indicated they were interested in along with a method to sign up for a committee to help those subjects be put into action.

Some of those included Artist Enclave Events (Paul's Question)

- Grand Central Events-outreach
- Studio Tour 2023 Committee
- St Pete High- outreach/collaboration
- and more...

The roster was passed around where everyone had a chance to sign up or add additional subjects/ direction for Enclave.

Dwayne said he had free glass and windows at the church if anyone needed anything.

Luci reminded all about the St Pete Arts Alliance grant application deadline: April 15.

Luci adjourned the 'official' part of our meeting, and announced that the promo video would be playing momentarily.

People took breaks and all came back to enjoy the promo. It played twice initially. All seemed very pleased.

Then the photo slideshow played, on a loop.

Celebration commenced.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30ish. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 on 5/10 at Grand Central Brewhouse.

Minutes submitted by: Lisa Presnail