

**Elko County Art Club
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Tess King at 1:03 p.m. Members in virtual attendance included LeRay Reece, Deborah Finley, Virginia Sheldon, Sarah Massie, Tana Doerr, Arianne Dehm and Lynn Jasmine. The Zoom platform has been upgraded so the meetings will no longer be cut off at 45 minutes.

Classes: ECAC is still not offering public classes, but people may request private group classes. Tess will follow-up with people who have requested information on classes via the ECAC Facebook page.

2021 Board Members:

- LeRay Reece has agreed to serve again as Treasurer.
- Lynn Jasmine has accepted the nomination as Secretary.
- Tess King and Arianne Dehm outgoing President and Vice President agreed to continue in those positions until replacements could be nominated. Both will have family obligations in early summer that make continuing after that very difficult.
- Virginia Sheldon will continue as Chair of the Rotating Art Program. She is working on updating the letters to businesses. Deborah Finley will assist in getting the letters to the businesses. There are currently nine businesses and there is room for ten or more. Virginia is also working on adding at least one more business.

Financial Report:

- LeRay presented a 2019-2020 comparison report showing a decrease from \$29,522 (2019) to \$24,523 (2020) which was due mainly to classes being cancelled. The club showed a loss in 2019 of \$5,661 and a loss of \$12,192 in 2020. This loss will be offset by the \$2,000 PPP grant and the \$12,500 SBA loan to the Club. Cash on hand at the end of December 2019 was \$30,140.64 and at the end of December 2020 was \$21,000. Considering the impact of Covid 19 on the activities of the Club, LeRay explained that the Club is currently in good financial shape.
- LeRay also reported that the CD held by the Club matures in February and will likely be moved to savings due to the prevailing interest rates.
- The Daily Report Sheet in the Gallery Office has been revised to include detailed information each day related to sales for classes, gallery sales, membership, hanging fees, rotating art fees, donations, and Art in the park.
- Tess had the security system upgraded at no cost. There will now be two cameras on 24/7. There is also a glass break monitor and new keypad.
- LeRay and Tess presented information on a hanging system of 4x8 panels that will make hanging works of art in the gallery much more efficient and professional. LeRay explained that the cost of the panels and mounting the panels with all the hardware and

shelves should be less than \$5,000. Tess reported that there is money available from the SBA Loan. Arienne Dehm moved, seconded by Virginia Sheldon, that the panels be purchased and installed with SBA loan funds. Motion carried. A short discussion concluded that the gray/silver color would be best with the current color of the gallery walls and variety of art to be displayed. Tess will measure and order the panels.

Art in the Park: The dates will be July 9 (set up) July 10-11(event). A new coordinator is needed and is a paid position. Tess will do the preliminary planning and organization, but cannot be in charge or on site before and during the event due to health and family obligations. The Park is already reserved. Vendors are registering. Volunteers and/or paid staff are needed for set up, on site jobs, manning event and take down. Army recruiters, American Staffing, ECAC members, community groups have all been identified as potential workers. Artists are needed for live art demonstrations in the Demo Booth. Those who volunteer to do art demos will be able to hang and sell their artwork in that booth. Lynn Jasmine will contact Nevada Gold Mines to get the current request for donations forms, because they have donated to the scholarship fund and Art in the Park in the past.

Feature Artists: LeRay's Gallery has feature artists' work on display. Anyone interested should contact LeRay and be ready to provide artwork, photo, and biographical information. The Feature Artist is acknowledged in Everything Elko. Feature Artists are selected about 3 months in advance. Contact LeRay if you are interested.

Museum Art Show: The deadline is January 29, 2021. Artists must be a member of both ECAC and the Museum. All that is needed is to complete the Museum paperwork and provide artwork. The show will run through May, 2021.

Local Artist Grant: Contact Tess for information on this. Applications are due 1/29/2021.

Gallery Open: The gallery is open and staffed by volunteers on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

Next Meeting: February 17th at 2:00 p.m. both on Zoom and in the Gallery.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 pm by Tess King, President.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Jasmine
Secretary