

Torrance Art Museum Advocates
MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
June 24, 2023 via Zoom

Call to Order at 11:37 a.m. PDT by President Jeannine Madden

Roll Call taken Present: President Jeannine Madden, Treasurer Patrice Lefevre, Advocacy Chair Denielle Johnson, Advisor/TAM Curator Max Presneill, City Staff Monica Harte. Absent: Secretary Cynthia Pallin

Motion to approve BOD Minutes March 18, 2023 made by Patrice. Seconded by Denielle. Motion Approved: 3 - 0 Filed on Google Drive

Motion to Accept & File Treasurer's Report made by Denielle. Seconded by Jeannine. Motion Approved: 3 - 0 Filed on Google Drive

Curator's Update provided by Max. Getting ready for Body Politics in Main Gallery supported by Art & Med in Gallery Two with a focus on art by and about disabled artists. Coming up: Sur Biennial curated by Hope focusing on Death Shrine idea in Hispanic/Latino art. In the midst of getting details for NOMAD Sculpture. List of Artists being assembled. Artist in Residency in Greece is coming along. Similar exchange is being planned for Japan.

Advocacy Update provided by Denielle. ABC License for HouseParty has been applied for and pending. She will provide a current copy of her RBS license. She will present to both City Council and Cultural Arts Commission in June.

Membership Report currently 64 members **Filed on Google Drive**

OLD BUSINESS

Q&A with a Curator took place with Max on Saturday, June 10th and is posted to the TAMA YouTube Channel. Eight TAMA TALKS took place in June and are posted on the YouTube Channel. On June 3, 2023 Treasurer Patrice Lefevre moved via email to purchase the large banner for the WILD project. The cost for the banner was \$335.25. On June 3, 2023 Jeannine seconded and voted yes. Cynthia voted yes on June 4, 2023 and on June 5, 2023 Denielle Johnson voted yes. The motion passed 4:0. The Check Request was submitted by Hope Ezcurra of the TAM and will be paid via check to the artist Katie Shanks by Patrice.

NEW BUSINESS

Monica and Max discussed the addition of an outside Grantwriter for TAMA to write for grants to meet the expanding financial needs of the museum. Monica will send resume and other information and a meeting will be arranged to discuss her services. Depending on how many groups agree to have her come on board, her fee will be either half or one third of \$2500 per month for a minimum period of 6 months. Discussion included obtaining a firm funding request from the TAM prior to entering into an agreement. She would be an independent contractor (1099).

General Membership Meeting at TAM on July 21 2023 will be hybrid with Jeannine and Patrice on Zoom and Denielle supporting in person. The meeting will be held in conjunction with a TAMA Member Appreciation event on July 21, 2023 before the exhibition walkthrough with a curator. Max will give a Curator's Report. Patrice will provide Treasurer's Report. Jeannine will provide Membership Report and Annual Report. Minutes from last GMM in July 2022 will need to be approved and posted to the website.

Opening Reception and Member walk through will take place on July 22, 2023 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the TAM. Denielle will arrange for ABC License and will be on hand to serve.

TAM HouseParty event on July 9, 2023 @ TAM. TAMA to receive proceeds from drink sales. Denielle will forward copy of ABC License to Monica.

Banking: CD - not at this time due to large fund requests from TAM and needed liquidity of funds.

Patrice will forward the VENMO Bar Account receipts to the TAMA Gmail account.

All TAM Fund Requests will come from Max moving forward. He will assess the funds needed from TAMA and send a list to us via email.

Motion to remove former President Suzan Hubert from Bank signing made by Denielle. Second by Patrice. Motion Passes 3 - 0.

Motion to add Cynthia Pallin to current signature card. Second by Denielle. Discussion: Secretary of State website documenting Cynthia as Secretary

will be confirmed by Patrice before adding to signature card. Motion Passes: 3 - 0.

Motion to approve submitted TAM Fund Request for \$4000 for Cycladic Artist in Residency made by Patrice. Second by Denielle. Motion Passes 3 - 0.

Installation for Body Politics will be last week and a half before the opening in July. A note to Patrons will be sent if they are interested in attending.

Max announced an upcoming Cocktail Reception at the home of Lori & Herair Garboushian in the Fall of 2023 to generate interest and sponsorship in upcoming TAM projects. TAMA will get an invite.

Max further explained a Sculpture Only NOMAD: no walls. Empty warehouse space will be needed. They are in the process of making a sufficiently large list of sculpture artists. Tentatively scheduled for November 2023. Fri/Sat/Sun event. Odyssey may occur in conjunction with this event.

Motion to Adjourn: **1:16 P.M.**