

Northwoods Friends of the Arts  
Tues., June 21, 2016 at 4 p.m.  
NWFA Gallery, 210 River St., Cook, MN

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Shawna Kishel. In attendance were Judith Ulseth, Lisa Hyppa, Lauren Nelson, Alberta Whitenack, Sue Wolfe, Priscilla Hypakka, Cathryn Peters, Jeanne O'Melia. This is not a complete list due to the potluck celebration for Spring Art Expo, the 50/50 Drawing and the L. Vermilion Trail Logo Contest winner announcement .

**Minutes of June 2015 Annual meeting were** distributed. Sue Wolfe and Cathryn Peters made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor.

**Today the Annual Meeting and the Election of Officers was scheduled**, however, the board of directors has changed the annual meeting date to fit the financial fiscal year, Jan.1 to Dec. 31. The annual meeting will now be held the third week in January 2017. At that time Judith and Lisa H. will be candidates for secretary and treasurer. The terms of office will be staggered as prescribed.  
**The board has also voted to expand the board of directors** from four members to seven members as allowed in the bylaws of NWFA.

**The Treasurers' Monthly Report by Lisa Hyppa.** Hard copy reports were distributed. The "Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison as of May 31, 2016" showed current assets at \$26,713. The statement, "Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual Jan. thru May 2016 " showed income from NWFA's new management of "Music in the Park" and the L. Vermilion Trail Logo Contest. and expenses such as long range planning with Patty Mester and piano tuning for the Piatigorsky concerts. Year to date expense on the new gallery room is \$2760. Cathryn Peters and Lauren Nelson made the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Membership Drive Report by Lisa Hyppa and Lois Garbisch** must still be reconciled but the membership numbers so far are:

Business	20
Family	16
student	01
individual	33
sustaining	06

Many active members stated they had not renewed for 2016 yet . There are 24 new members, 101 renewed members and 143 not renewed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Gallery--The Gallery will be closed and in disarray Sat. June 25th.** Spring Art Expo concludes, Fri., June 24th and artist will collect their art from the Gallery and businesses.

**Spring Art Expo Report:** Thanks to Jeanne O'Melia and her volunteers, the NWFA Timber Days parade float, "Vincent Comes to Cook", won first prize, \$400 (mandated for youth education). Elsie Hyppa spent two weeks painting a copy of Van Gogh's "Starry Night" (in Cook) for the parade float. On display at The Gallery. SAE registered 30 display sites and 40 individual artists and one group. Cash award for the 50/50 raffle was \$335 won by Gena Nukala and the L. Nelson photo of Stuntz Bay Boat Houses was won by Elsie Hyppa. Our very own member and volunteer, Sue Wolfe, won the Vermilion Trail Logo contest! All the submissions to the contest are on display at The Gallery.

**Youth Program Summary:** This year there are 20 youth classes (last year 10) and 36 brand new students. Team teachers taught classes in Orr this year. The student art show will be displayed in Orr library until July 1. On August 3 NWFA will fund the group trip to the Cities to see "Pinocchio".

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Strategic Planning...**handout will be attached to minutes.

There is a free **Movie Night** at the Gallery Thurs., June 23rd at 6 p.m.. "Death At A Funeral". Lauren and Kelly Dahl are managing that night. The plan is to start a movie club so if you are interested please contact NWFA.

There will be an **Acrylic painting class at The Gallery on July 6th** at 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. with Donna DeSmet. Children 8 to 100 welcome!

**Sam Miltich Concert July 29th at the Comet. Free will offering.**

**Volunteer Coupon:** the board will award gallery coupons to Jeanne O'Melia, Ian Carlson and Lauren Nelson. Many thanks to all of our volunteers.

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Lauren Nelson and Judith Ulseth.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by  
Judith Tuuri Ulseth  
secretary  
July 2, 2016