

Committee Reports 2019 (Active)

Membership Committee (Hilary Jamnik)

In 2019, ARTsPLACE had 190 individual members. 220 has been the maximum. Membership dues were increased in 2019.

The member-in-residence program was successful in 2019, with Illustrator Lauren Soloy, and Writer, Deirdre Dwyer.

Members sold artwork totalling \$3200, with ARTsPLACE retaining a small % (25% for membership shows, 10% for Mym, Library and Chapel).

ARTsPLACE added a benefit to members, with a DeSerres Association membership. This will give our membership 10% off select items at DeSerres.

Members were encouraged to participate in programs, to give talks and to offer workshops.

Human Resources Committee (Niki Clark, Bebe MacLean, Jaime Lee Lightle)

An annual performance review of the Gallery Director (Sophie Paskins) helps her focus on any deficiencies and helps the Board anticipate any additional HR need.

The summer (student) assistant position is part-funded through the province of Nova Scotia's SKILL and someone from the HR Committee assists the GD with interviews and orientation.

- An updated organizational HR Policy and job descriptions for key volunteer positions are in the works
- The Board and committee will review the needs of the organisation with regards to staffing, with a view to hire in 2021

Facilities / Maintenance Committee (Brian Muszkie, Hilary Jamnik)

The small roof above the Mym Gallery had to be replaced, due to a leak. The roof was in poor condition, which was exacerbated by the location of the upstairs external fire exit, as this covered the roof and didn't allow it to dry, causing a significant amount of moss growth and moisture retention.

The committee continues to monitor the building (noting that the Chapel roof is ready for replacement withing the next 18 months).

The Board is considering changes to the grounds, to facilitate the display of sculpture and new signage.

The current poster board is in poor condition, with a rotted post and needs to be removed.

The main floor toilet requires a waste pipe upgrade, this was not dealt with when major renovations took place in the past, due to funding constraints.

Fundraising Committee

ARTsPLACE is in need of a functioning fundraising committee. As it stands, there are Ad-Hoc committees for Paint the Town, and Arty Party. There is a need to generate revenue through funding campaigns.

Paint the Town, our largest and longest running fundraising event, although still a significant revenue generator, has seen a slow decline in overall sales in the past few years. In order to offset this change, the Board is putting efforts in to the 2020 spring fundraiser, Arty Party.

2019 Arty Party: Unfortunately, due to the hurricane, the September fundraiser was cancelled. We lost our \$500 deposit for the band (minimal loss compared to cancelation for any other reason). Other losses were attributed to advertising (ads placed, printing costs) but the venue rental was retained and not forfeited.

Exhibitions Committee (Ch. Pat Lohrenz, Ted Lind, Wayne Boucher, James Lightle, Sophie Paskins)

Programs Committee (Ch. Ted Lind, Hilary Jamnik, Bonnie Baker, Julia Redgrave)

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