

**GEORGINA ARTS COUNCIL  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES  
October 26, 2020  
Minutes taken by Anita David**

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Zoom meeting called to order @ 7:10pm.

**PRESENT:** Bill & Doris Major, Anita David, Grant Peckford, Wendy Cuttriss, Meghan McKinzey, Mayor Margaret Quirk, Dee Lawrence, Leslie Sedore, Jeanne Faria, Elizabeth McLean, Margaret Almack, Duncan Goodwin, Jodi Pridham, Tom Zsolt, Brett Hill, Jamie-Lee Warner, Heather Piggot, Shirlene Campbell, Judy Weiswer, Thelma Sellers, Barbara Banfield, Dave Neeson, Marjorie Watson, Ann & Ed Winacott, Piri Pandey

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA -**

Elizabeth McLean moved to accept the agenda

**Mover:** Elizabeth McLean **Seconder:** Piri Pandey

**All in favour – Carried**

**WELCOME INTRODUCTIONS** by Grant Peckford (ED, GAC) Bill Major (Chair, Board of Directors), Margaret Quirk (Mayor).

**APPROVAL OF THE 2019 AGM MINUTES -**

Elizabeth McLean moved to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2018 Annual General Meeting.

**Mover:** Elizabeth McLean **Seconder:** Piri Pandey.

**All in favour - Carried**

**PRESENTATION OF THE GEORGINA ARTS COUNCIL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018 -**

The financial statements were reviewed and commented on by auditor Duncan Goodwin of Goodwin/Porter/Hetu, Ascend, CPA. Meaghan McKinzey provided a report on the financial status of the Gallery for 2019 (see attached report).

**MOTION** to accept the Georgina Arts Council Audited Financial Statements.

**Mover:** Meaghan McKinzey **Seconder:** Piri Pandey

**All in Favour Carried**

**CHAIR'S REPORT -** Copy of Bill Major's report attached.

A special thanks to Ed Winacott who has stepped down from the Board and for the contributions he made with respect to the music program.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT –** Copy of Grant Peckford's report attached.

**INTRODUCTION TO FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN -** Jeanne Faria provided an introduction to our new five year strategic plan. The plan will be presented in further detail on November 16, 2020 through a Zoom meeting. A name change for the Gallery will be recommended for approval at this meeting.

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**ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS** - Two new prospective board members stepped forward to request participation on the GAC Board of Directors: Brett Hill and Dee Lawrence. No nominations from the floor. Bill Major, Chair and Anita David, Vice-Chair were up for re-election. No nominations from the floor.

**MOTION** to accept the election of Brett Hill and Dee Lawrence.

**Mover:** Leslie Sedore **Seconded:** Ed Winacott

**MOTION** to accept re-election of Bill Major and Anita David

**Mover:** Elizabeth Mclean; **Seconded:** Ed Winacott

**All in favour: Carried**

**APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR THE 2020 FISCAL YEAR -**

**MOTION** to accept Ascend, CPA to be recommended as our auditors for the 2020 fiscal year for a fee of \$7600.

**Mover:** Meaghan McKinzey **Seconded:** Thelma Sellers

**All in favour: Carried**

**MOTION** to adjourn 8:30pm by Meaghan McKinzey **Seconded:** Piri Pandey.

**All in favour: carried.**

REPORT OF BILL MAJOR, CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE GEORGINA ARTS CENTRE AND GALLERY, AGM, OCTOBER 26, 2020

Our board, staff, and volunteers have had a very full and creative year in 2019. With COVID-19 beginning in March of this year, we can easily forget how much we accomplished last year. 2019 was a year of events and many new beginnings. A highlight for all of us was the very successful Art in the Park Gala at the Briars where we netted almost \$28,000. At the Magna Hoedown in September, we made over \$7,500. Grant Peckford, our Executive Director, was successful in receiving an Ontario Trillium Grant of \$24,000 to renovate completely our lower basement to make a very attractive program space for our community. In December last year, our Town Council voted to continue their grant to our Art Centre of \$110,000. Grant Peckford began work last year to develop a new and innovative program for seniors and was successful this year receiving a Grant of \$23,000 for this work.

Of course our Art Centre and Gallery is about much more than money, but we need money to be able to serve our community well. We were able to have many exciting programs during 2019-Both Keswick Public School and Black River Public schools were able to make use of our art education resources. Ed Winacott, a board member, began a monthly Open Mic program, giving budding musicians a stage to practice their form of artistry. Ewa Chwojko, our curator held several successful Art Talks. We hosted a High Tea in the spring, a March Break Camp, and summer camps, serving almost 90 children. In the fall, we regretted to have to end our monthly movie nights because we could not negotiate a workable financial arrangement with the new owner of the Imagine Cinema. We had 8 gallons of paint donated to our Art Centre and two painters volunteered to use the paint to spruce up our Gallery Shop and Gallery exhibition area.

Towards the end of the year, our board began to work on some new creative projects- One was a Writers and Art project which culminated in a very successful public event early this year. We also began work on a new Strategic Plan, some of which will be shared later at this meeting by our board member, Jeanne Faria. Grant Peckford began discussions with the Georgina Studio Tour and our Art Centre joined the tour last month; Grant Peckford has also begun creative and fruitful discussions with Town staff on partnering more fully with our Art Centre. We also began as a board to develop three fundraising projects for 2020- A Night of Spirit, A Comedy night, and an afternoon of Classical music. All of these have been put on hold because of COVID-19.

Our board has many hopes and plans for 2020 and the coming years. We want to improve our website and make it more interactive with our community, to purchase and use new technology which will enable us to be creative in our new virtual world, and to develop programs that help our community grow its artistic potential in all kinds of new ways. We want tonight to thank Ed Winacott for his two years of service, Joan Tadier for her many years of service on our board, all of our staff, board members, volunteers, and all who took part in our life together last year! It truly has been a good year!