

**Welcome to guests** – Howell Wright, Doug Sacarto, Barbara Marshall, Celine LeBeau

Western Heritage – Presentation by Howell and Doug on the Western Heritage Art Show – June 3-5.; all mediums, landscapes, wildlife, horses – in the spirit of the west. Working partnership with Friends of Museum – March 11 – seminar on western art – hosted by Peter Gaustad, Howell and Derek Fortini - 5-8:30pm.

“How to start an art collection” – part of the campaign. Works in progress. Whiskey Tasting on Sat, Gala on Friday 5:30 ; Sat – Peter Gaustad will host 4 tours – educational guided tour; painting demos – Art and Whiskey on Sat eve, Lee Kline, photographer will offer tour of park . Goal, make this an event to get buyers here. Posters, fliers will be available.

See website <http://estesparkwesternheritagefoundation.org/estes-park-western-heritage-foundation-art-and-artisan-sale-and-exhibit/> for more information

**Other guest introductions** – Barbara Marshall & Celine LeBeau... mid meeting – Fredric Lahey arrived

**Secretary’s minutes** – motion to accept by Greg Miles, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lars Sage, all aye.

**Treasurer’s report** – Approximately \$1200 in our account; Karen/Pat sent thank you letters for 2015 donations to EALA, EDC, VEP and Pat & Ward Nelson.

### **Committee Reports**

Governance – No meeting yet.

Financial – Budget tabled for retreat discussion

Programs – Question of universal calendar for town? Further discussion abled for retreat

### **Old Business**

Claudia has resigned – due to increased hours with her job. Craig says we should address how we recruit new board members after losing 2 Board members in two months. The retreat agenda should include a process for a new board member and we needed to create an agenda at the Retreat that the EAD Board agrees on.

Discussion about creating a board book for the Retreat agenda

Meeting – w Monica Plake for coffee Friday, afternoon or Monday to discuss Board membership?

Newsletter – first issued, reactions – sent to 360 people – 60% open rate. Featured some local businesses, artists, had less than 10 ask to be taken off the list. Artist index list – 16 responded. List will be an asset and how are we using it. Further discussion on format on Retreat agenda. Cyd commented that it looked very professional and Karen and Pat did a good job.

Fun Junkies – Discussed difficulty hearing performers? Craggs, Mary's Lake – March 16 warm-up schedule 6 months out?

Lars – grant for families – totem pole project - \$1000 requested – invite them through the school; Also, Lars discussed artists mentoring program with art teacher at school.

CCI website – certification application posted – need to start working on application

Directors insurance – Pat suggested State Farm after quotes – Greg Miles motioned to get Board of Directors insurance, Cydney Springer seconded, all voted aye with the understanding that we try for quarterly or monthly payments

Cyd and Pat – Reported on looking at rental space - Upper Stanley Village - \$700 – utilities

### **New Business**

Celene LeBeau gave an update on the Parks Advisory Board – They are still setting policy. Discussed projects that could be collaboration between Art in Public Places Board and EAD. Painting the town? Shock art wraps have not been tested yet; 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month at 11am - APPL Board meetings. Need representative from EAD Board. All agreed that it would be good to have cross connection between our boards. The APPL Board could be good for determining sign code restrictions.

EVPC Co-host Meet and Greet for Candidates Tuesday, March 15 at 5pm – political forum. Discussion to co-host or not. Pat felt it would be good exposure for the EAD to co-host. Cydney – expressed concern that downtown businesses would use any political forum the EAD co-hosted against our organization when we need to be building relationships. Craig - hosting requires responsibility – needs a moderator so perceptions are neutral and informed; Lars supportive, Karen – felt it was important for us to be there and an opportunity to advocate for the arts. Greg – questioned his first position (via email) and felt it was a risk to the EAD.

Lars made motion to co-host the political forum with EVPC, Karen seconded, 3 votes yea – 3 votes nay.

Pat said that she would talk to Bill Pinkham for his vote.

Strategic Plan – Greg motioned that Sue Ellen (at the library) and David Beatty be allowed to give a consultation on the EAD Strategic Plan, second from Karen; all voted aye.

Fredric Lahey arrived mid-meeting and gave a brief introduction. Went to Columbia University - writing directing film. Worked with Orion pictures in LA briefly then moved to Denver and went to work with the Denver Film Commission. Founded Film School – 23 years ago which was on best film school list of several publications for 4 years. Built the school to include 400 students annually who make about a 1000 films a year. New position

at the Stanley Hotel - Vice President of Communications; Director of Stanley Horror Film Festival and Director of the new Stanley Film School.

Lars – Craig and Lars pulled a permit at Performance Park for Tuesdays – could be film, performers, using this as an opportunity to provide a venue for performers and offer the EAD an opportunity for publicity and fundraising. Trying to work out how performers get paid? Sponsorship? Pre-sale tickets to Tues night concert series?

Left open-ended for fundraising for Arts District discussion at retreat. Nick Smith has a barrel of beer for the art district, we just need to do labels.

The Board voted to do a retreat to make decisions and try to move ahead. Greg Miles asked that “Retreat” name be changed to Band Camp. All agreed.

#### Other Announcements

Pop up Shop this Thursday

Art Upstairs Project with the library moving forward

Explore our store – March 9, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 9am at Cabin Fever

Craig and Cyd are working with the Stanley Hotel (Fredric) to create a songwriting symposium or workshop with Cord Carpenter – concert on April 1. This is modeled on a CCI program called “Detour” that uses performers for education on how to perform, songwriting, and other advice. Craig and Cyd will meet with Fredric Lahey to confirm this.

Band Camp is scheduled 10am – Sunday, March 13