

# Fresno Art Museum

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting

### Thursday, June 24, 2020

NOTE: In compliance with State and local guidelines and restrictions due to Covid-19, the meeting was held electronically via Zoom video conferencing. Access information for the meeting was sent to members who registered in advance by e-mail.

#### I. **Welcome and Preliminaries**

- **Call to Order** Gerald Palladino, President of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for their generous support during the past year.
- **Quorum** Mr. Palladino declared that a quorum was present and that noticing requirements for the meeting, as specified in the Bylaws, had been met.
- Mr. Palladino introduced current and emeriti trustees.

#### II. **Approval of the Minutes** It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2019, annual meeting.

#### III. **President's Report** Mr. Palladino reported that, although the Museum had to close to the public on March 18, due to pandemic restrictions, the Museum ended the fiscal year in the black financially. This was possible because of membership renewals, annual fund and other donations, foundation grants, federal funding (Small Business Administration grant and Paycheck Protection Program funds), and bequests. He thanked Michele Ellis Pracy and Museum staff for their dedication and diligence as they successfully managed the challenges of the year.

#### IV. **Finance Report** Treasurer Deborah Monis complimented the Museum's staff for their work in dealing with the pandemic's uncertainties and restrictions. Despite the cancellation of the Museum's major fundraiser, TRASHIQUE, and other fundraisers, gross income for the year was \$875,000, up 15% over last year, due to the support of members, donors, SBA and PPP funding, and generous bequests. The Museum ended the year with net income of \$31k.

#### V. **Executive Director & Chief Curator's Report** Michele Ellis Pracy introduced the Museum's staff and thanked them for their dependability and reliability during the challenging year. She reviewed the activities of the past year, noting the loss of some income sources and programs, countered by the addition of virtual content and increased social media presence in response to the pandemic's restrictions. Mrs. Ellis Pracy reviewed the main themes of the past year's exhibitions and then described exhibitions that are planned for the next few years. Among those are *A Queen Within*, scheduled for July 2022, with major funding from the McClatchy Fresno Arts Endowment, and a Maurice Sendak exhibition planned for 2023, with funding from the Bonner Family Foundation.

- VI. Education Director's Report** Mrs. Ellis Pracy introduced Susan Yost Filgate, who reported on the Museum's various education programs, including tours and art-making experiences for school children in all grades. She described the virtual programs that have been created to respond to pandemic restrictions.
- VII. Council of 100** The Council's President, Pamela Akin, thanked Mrs. Ellis Pracy and Museum staff for their work on behalf of the Council. The Council raised \$23,900 through membership and donations, ending the year with a net income of \$16,700. She expressed the hope that a luncheon can be held again in 2021, when Kim Abeles will be recognized as the Distinguished Woman Artist of the Year.
- VIII. Nominating Committee Report & Trustee Election** Committee chair Jeffrey Jaech nominated Cindy Wathen-Kennedy for a first three-year term on the Board. She was elected by a unanimous vote of the members. He nominated Wayne Boos and Cala Carter for a second term on the Board. They were both elected by a unanimous vote.
- IX. Recognition of Retiring Trustees** Mr. Palladino recognized and thanked John Mengshol and Michael Parola for their years of service to and support of the Museum during their terms on the Board.
- X. Closing Remarks and Adjournment** Mr. Palladino thanked members for their attendance at the Museum's first virtual annual meeting. He thanked Mrs. Ellis Pracy and her staff, FAM trustees, trustees emeriti, and members for their loyalty to and support of the Museum. The annual business meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christy Hicks