

**PAA AGM**

**December 7, 2011, 7 p.m.**

**Stone School, Portage du Fort**

**Minutes**

Attending: Michael Neelin, France Lamarche, Valerie Bridgeman, Dale Shutt, Katherine Telfer, Anne Beeton, Tina Michaud, Cheryl Dolan, Tedd Robinson, Diane Fleming, Carol Howard Killoran, Chantal Auger, Clement Hoeck, Hye-Suk Kim, Bonnie Zimmerling, Therese Andre, Raymond sander-Regier, Lyndal Neelin

- 1.) Opening and welcome by President: In her opening remarks, Dale welcomed all who attended, directed the membership to peruse our new website, noted the addition of Paypal to facilitate payment of memberships and later, to pay for registrations, and brought to our attention the "members activity page", for which we will be receiving instructions. She mentioned the continuing quest for funds through grants, corporate, and individual sources, and lastly, she thanked our current sponsors for their continuing support.
- 2.) Reading and acceptance of agenda. Katherine Telfer moved adoption with the addition by Dale Shutt of a break after #9. All in favour, carried.
- 3.) Reading and acceptance of minutes of AGM November 30, 2010. Copies were provided for reading. Michael Neelin moved the approval, all in favour, carried.
- 4.) Annual Report: Copies were provided and time for reading. Carol Howard Killoran moved to accept the report into the minutes. All in favour, carried.
- 5.) Financial Report: Michael noted that it was a transitional year for the PAA so last year's numbers were included to facilitate discussion. Grant funding has decreased and our surplus has been largely used up, as well as now paying rent for the Stone School building. Therefore, all the committees have been, and will continue to reduce spending on things like promotion, advertising, and postage. Dale made a motion to accept the report, all in favour, carried.
- 6.) Budget for 2011-2012: Carol Howard Killoran moved to accept the budget, all in favour, carried.
- 7.) Auditor: Michael moved that we continue with Smith, Porter, and Hetu as auditor. All in favour, carried.
- 8.) Changes to Membership criteria: Dale explained the changes, all designed to simplify things. (see attached) Dale moved acceptance of changes, all in favour, carried.

9.) Changing the name of the Association: A discussion of the need to research what is required to change the name of the PAA to Art Pontiac ensued, and it was decided to table the issue until further notice.

A short break was enjoyed with coffee, juice, and snacks provided by the Board.

10.) Naming of a President and Secretary of the election: Lyndal Neelin, secretary, Carol Howard Killoran, president.

11.) Election of a Board of Directors:

- Dale Shutt nominated Michael Neelin, accepted
- Dale Shutt nominated Valerie Bridgeman, accepted
- Valerie Bridgeman nominated France Lamarche, accepted
- Valerie Bridgeman nominated Chantal Auger, declined
- Dale Shutt nominated Cheryl Dolan, declined
- Carol Howard Killoran nominated Tina Michaud, declined
- Bonnie Zimmerling nominated Anne Beeton, accepted

Four Board members acclaimed: Michael, Val, France, Anne

12.) Question Period: Topics of discussion:

**Gift:** A token of recognition and appreciation for 8 years of hard work on the Board was presented to Dale Shutt, who will be continuing many of her other jobs for the PAA and PSOTA.

**Fundraising:** PSOTA is pursuing grants.

Pontiac Community players offered one night of a November 2012 fundraiser.

An art auction/dessert/entertainment evening is being planned. Help was offered by Val, Chantal, Diane, Katherine, other offers of help welcome. (email Val)

**Gallery Committee:** New members so far: Val, Carol, Rosemary Driscoll, Katherine. Other members welcome. (val@valeriebridgeman.com)

**Building Changes:** Michael outlined the plan to incorporate the downstairs into one L-shaped room, and make the bathroom Accessible.

**Boutique:** Because of these changes, the boutique would no longer be in existence, which would also free up the summer student to do other things.

13.) Close of meeting