



The St George Creative Arts and Crafts Centre Inc -
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Minutes of General Meeting held at 23 St Georges Road, Penshurst

Thursday 14th February 2019

Present: Gilbert Sant, Margaret Whitehurst, Leonie Graves, Jane Cochran, Margaret Conlon, Bruce Armstrong, Jan Beattie, Tracey Clifford, Chris McGuigan, Peter Addison, Cathie Hammond, Joan Poche, Brooke Taylor

Apologies: Mia Kokkoris Jane Lim

Chair: Margaret Conlon

Minutes: Tracey Clifford

Proxies: None

Meeting commenced at 5.32pm

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Moved Bruce Armstrong seconded Leonie Graves. Passed

Business Arising from Minutes of 13th December 2018:

Bruce Armstrong reported that two people, Cathie and Chris are outstanding with the Health and Safety inductions which were carried out last year.

Advice was obtained from Barry Gallagher from 3 Bridges that it is up to the committee if we wish to conduct safety inductions, they do not need to be carried out annually but suggested that they can be carried out every three years. Barry also suggested that the priority should be given to First Aid, and we should consider having evacuation/fire drills every six months. Barry also said between 9am to 5pm if there was an issue with first aid etc there would be someone qualified in the 3 Bridges building. Chris was concerned with the Lock Down process and Bruce explained what should happen.

Treasurer's Report:

Presented by Gilbert Sant

(Opening balance at 1st December 2018 was \$25,674.28, closing balance at 31st January 2019 was \$23,712.63,)

Moved Gilbert Sant seconded Jan Beattie. Passed

President's Report

Presented by Margaret Conlon.

At the December meeting it was agreed that the tutor's fee would increase by \$2.00 per hour. Lee Brett was concerned with this amount and a tutors meeting was held on the 6th February 2019. It was explained that the fixed expenses for the centre were in excess of \$30,000 pa, and the costs are increasing. It was resolved at that meeting that the tutor's fees would be: \$105 for and one-and-a-half-hour class based on 10 weeks, \$130 for a two-hour class based on 10 weeks, \$195 for a three-hour class based on 10 weeks and \$20 for casual rate. The Children's classes will be \$18 per class. The new fees will commence in term 2, 2019. There will be no pensioner rates. Workshops fees will be at the tutor's discretion. It was suggested a review of the fees at the end of 2019. The tutors were given a brief guideline for tutors and group leader and these were expected to be followed.

An executive meeting was held during the holidays where an idea for workshops and demonstrations from the tutors could be held during market days as a way of marketing the classes and the Centre. Another idea was to have a small exhibition of watercolour painting by Margaret and Sam for a Friday night and Saturday on a Market Day. Margaret Conlon has spoken to the two artists.

Bayside Art Awards – Bayside Council is having an art contest involving sculpture, photography and visual arts.

GRC Cultural Plan – Gilbert attended a meeting with Christiane Statham who is writing the Cultural Plan for the Council. Basically, the plan is to have a website and a Centre in Hurstville (10-year plan). They asked for SGCACC input.

GRAB – Gilbert attended a meeting. There will be a one hour slot weekly on the radio reporting on which cultural events will be happening in the area. Not much for artist's works. There will be room to advertise on the radio during this time slot.

Dragon's Lair Exhibition – we have booked and paid for space in June. There is very limited space for exhibitions, maybe room for 18 – 20 paintings. Need to have what you would display for early April. These will need to be photographed for the catalogue. At the gallery you can sell your pieces and there is no commission.

Chinese Group Venue Hire- they will be hiring the Centre the 1st Friday of the month 7 – 9 pm for 10 months @ \$50 a month. They have paid for the 10 months. They will also become members of the Centre.

Changing the meeting time/day – this was discussed and decided to change the starting time for the General Meetings to 6pm.

Trash and Treasure Table – discussed the idea of a trash and treasure table where members can donate items for sale which will go to the Centre. Agreed to a three months trial, items can be sold for a gold coin donation to the Centre.

Newsletter- Margaret will be putting a newsletter out in the next few weeks

Correspondence:

iselect – Leonie investigating a better deal with the Centre’s electricity. Leonie is still shopping around for a new provider or deal.

Email from Olga Sedneva regarding the Minutes of December 2018. Olga requested the minutes to be rewritten. This was discussed and the minutes will not be altered.

GRC Grants – the application opens on the 18th Feb and closes 18th March. Leonie and Gilbert will attend the information session on Friday 22nd Feb. Ideas floated for grants were more fans especially the entry end of the Centre, proper tables, more cupboards (to replace the older brown cupboards)

General Business

Chris asked if there was a possibility that the cupboard allocation be more equitable between the two Social leadlight and mosaic groups. Gilbert will do an audit into who has what space with the storage cupboards.

Thanked Gilbert and Peter for improving the appearance of the toilet. Lino had been laid (cost \$440.00), Peter donated the paint and there is a new tile splash back. Both Peter and Gilbert donated their time to paint the toilet.

Easter Raffle- to be drawn on the March Market day. Asking for generous items which can be donated for the raffle.

Next meeting Thursday 11th April 2019 6 00pm

Meeting closed 6 25 pm