

Minutes for VWS Board Meeting - January 22, 2023

Attendees: Martin Lalonde, Anne Lalonde, Gary Eckhart, Petey Becker, Abigail Bartell, Michelle Maher, Ann Stafford, Julie Holmes

1. **Treasury Report** by Anne Lalonde;

Assets= 22, 237. Our expenses are more than are income so at some point we need to figure out how to generate more income

Expenses: \$15,000. And income \$11,099.68 for 2022.

The hub budgets are \$4,620. - with any extra budget money **not** being carried over to the next year as in the past.

2. **Program director report**

The spring event presenter has a \$500. budget. Abigail has lots of contacts started from social media consultants to bean paints (indigenous, sustainable art products).

We talked about where to look for presenters- the Landgrove Inn list, watercolor magazine. Gary suggested contacting Ann Abgott as a possible presenter.

Also ideas for venues for the Fall in-person meeting. Maybe Lake Morey or Common Ground in Starksboro.

Abigail has also been highlighting a member from the VWS website Member gallery each day on Instagram. So happy she likes doing social media-

3. Ann Stafford has been advertising about VWS on Facebook and Seven Days.

5. **Membership** is down-

6. We also discussed the I Can Paint program that Marc Nielson started. We decided to take down the link from the website since the program is not active at this time. We talked about taking that money and using it for a **scholarship for students** interested in art, and also putting funds and energy into **Senior centers** because that is a good place to get membership. We all agreed it's good to have a diverse membership base.

Also, there might be grant opportunities to reach out to since we are a non-profit, to add to the scholarship fund. **Vermont Community Fund** comes to mind.

That's all for now- next board meeting possibly May 21st.