

**Art of Autism
Board Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2017
10 AM**

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM.

Board members Debra Muzikar, Keri Bowers, Tom Iland, Donald Cohen present.

Approval of prior minutes – minutes approved.

It was decided that Tom Iland, Treasurer, would open a new account in Santa Clarita / Valencia area. Debra sent him all the B of A statements. Tom needs bylaws & IRS tax determination to open a new account. Our fiscal year ends June 30. Debra filed postcard for tax filings last FY. Keri will write an authorization from the Secretary for opening a new account

The California Museum Exhibit in Sacramento that the Art of Autism is participating in will run from June 15 – Sept. 17. There will be an opening and closing reception. The opening reception will be in the last two weeks of June on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday (date not yet determined). This is a collaborative exhibit with a number of different agencies. We have a meeting in Berkley about the exhibit at the end of the month. There will be a number of events with the exhibit throughout the summer. We need to do fundraising for shipping art. The artists are supposed to pay for the shipping there. The museum will pay for the return shipping. Keri suggested Debra write a one-sheet of expectations the Art of Autism has for artists when participating in an exhibit.

The Art of Autism did a Best Blog for Autism Awareness Month.

Howard Finelt who has been helping us with the marketing plan has come out of surgery okay. His cancer was self-contained. We've decide to work on goals and objectives. Debra will send the board members a google doc with the working goals and objectives for the organization.

Keri will write a sponsorship letter to attract a corporate sponsor. Debra will send Keri statistics to write the letter. The Art of Autism is receiving about 2500+ views a day. Our biggest day was on April 2, World Autism Awareness Day with 6,700 views.

Keri had to leave the meeting because of a family emergency. Her training films are in process.

We have been solicited to help curate an exhibit at a Buddhist museum in Covina from June 3 – June 10. They want 20 pieces from 10 different artists. They are also working with some schools. Joe Mategna's daughter Mia is participating in this exhibit and the Sacramento exhibit and Arlene (Mia's mom) said that Joe and Mia would be happy to make a presentation.

We've received a possible request to license art for a brochure from the University of Essex. They will pay an autistic artist to illustrate the brochure. The University of Essex has not heard back from the grant they applied for to make films (that the Art of Autism is participating in).

We will be at the Love and Autism Conference in October. Tom Iland will also be speaking at this conference.

We need to work on fundraising to pay for some of the our events.

Keri has talked Carly Fulgham about being a potential board member. Carly is on the autism spectrum and the current President of Ventura County Autism Society.

Tom Iland will be on Wheel of Fortune April 18. Debra will write a blog for the Art of Autism about that. Tom has a number of future events including the Exceptional Children's Conference in Boston with his mom Emily.

Donald Cohen and his son Colin will be in Illinois in mid-May for a Targeting Autism event to engage autistic people in public libraries. Colin and Donald will write a blog about libraries for the Art of Autism on their return.

Meeting ended at 10:41.