

**Art of Autism
Minutes
August 23, 2018
2 PM PST, 5 PM EST**

1. Roll Call – Carly Fulgham, Debra Muzikar, Tom Iland, special guest Judy from ActuallyAutistic blogs. Absent – Kimberly Gerry-Tucker, Keri Bowers. Debra Muzikar has been asked to conduct meeting by Keri Bowers. Meeting called to order by Debra Muzikar at 2:05 PM PST.
2. Prior minutes – motion and approved.
3. Old Business

A. **University of Exeter Animation Project** – Update Debra

Recap of project: They are part of a large research project called **Exploring Diagnosis**. <https://blogs.exeter.ac.uk/exploringdiagnosis/>. We have a new artist Eddie Callis from the U.K. who is participating in the project. All artists have received \$1,000 for their participation. They each will receive \$1,500 upon completion of this project. All the participants have cashed the initial \$1000 check. Dom from Calling the Shots will be coming out to the States and Canada to visit the 3 artists later this year to give them more guidance. He was here earlier this year.

B. **3rd Annual Poems & Art for Peace 2018 Project** – Keri has been working diligently on this. Carly said she sees a lot of posts about the project. Debra said Keri told her that there will be 5 posts about this in September.

C. **PODS Project** – Debra has another POD to post. This is moving along and is an ongoing project.

D. **Mainly Mozart Art Exhibit 2018** – The Mainly Mozart exhibit was very successful. We sold over \$8,000 of art. The artists collected their own money and we asked them to make a donation. A couple of artists made donations and the Mantegnas gave us \$300 which we are using for the DRLC art contest.

E. **Art of Autism Goals & Objectives** – This is a living document. Feel free to add to this at any time.

F. **Payment to Autistic Bloggers** – Tom went over how much we've paid autistic bloggers which is on the financial statements he handed out.

We have funds to carry on at our current level (\$400 a month budget for this).

G. **Google Grant – FB Advertising** – Debra said this is still pending. The google account is still suspended. Debra hasn't had time to work on.

4. New Business

A. **New Board Members/Board Development** - There are 2 new interested board members. Both are traveling today so cannot participate. Both have been working with Debra on different projects. Greg Jones has a lot of website and writing experience and he has suggested copy editing the Art of Autism website. Lamis Jabri has a lot of connections and is a psychiatrist with a six-year old on the autism spectrum and is working on Genius Week and the Art of Autism involvement in 2019. It was motioned and approved that these 2 be added to the Art of Autism Board.

B. **Financial Report – Status of 990** – Tom went over donations from The Autistic Children's Foundation and other donations. Tom has completed financial statements through June 30, our fiscal year. Debra has put them on the website and also minutes on the website. Debra has completed a registration for charitable trusts form that is due by Nov. 15 each year and will send to Tom. Since we had revenue over \$25,000 last FY we have a \$25 fee. Tom will complete 990. 2 bloggers haven't cashed checks. We have an adjusted and reconciled bank balance of \$18,139.59 and we have a paypal balance of \$289.27. Tom has to deposit the Mantegna \$300 check.

C. **Stars of Inclusion Award from Disability Legal Rights Center** - Sept 15 art contest & awards dinner. Set up time is 4:00 PM. Debra is purchasing a banner and will deliver to Tom what is needed for the booth. It is unclear if 3 who are attending can attend the program that starts at 6 PM. Keri talked to Sairah this week and its unclear. Carly said she will pay the \$250. We haven't heard yet about the art contest from the DRLC. It was decided to have 3 blue ribbon winners and 4 honorable mentions. It was motioned and passed for the Art of Autism to have 4 \$25 honorable mention awards out of our own budget. The Mantegnas are paying for the \$300 blue ribbon awards. Debra will notify all winners and losers and make certificates for the winners.

D. **Lights, Camera, Autism ASA San Diego Event** – this is Sept. 15 at the Qualcomm theater. Debra attended last year and will attend this year

with Kevin. A lot of artists attend this and it is a good place to make connections. The Art of Autism will have a booth.

E. **Mainly Mozart Genius Week** May/June 2019 – This will be May 31 – June 8. Temple Grandin, Kristine Barnett, and Derek Paravicini are scheduled. Tom and Emily Iland are to be on a panel. Lamis Jabri has been reaching out to many people and there will be a focus on neurodiversity. There will be an art event Friday, May 31 at a house. There will be events at the Balboa Theater and also a theater in Carlsbad. We will have an exhibit by the Carlsbad Theater. There are events planned the entire week.

F. **Future collaboration** with Apple Computers for April 2019. Apple Computer Accessibility Department is willing to partner with the Art of Autism again for an April 2019 event.

G. **"A" Train** the Play – Possibility of bringing it to San Diego with ASA San Diego, Irwin Jacobs Qualcomm Hall seats 543. Cygnet Theater seats 246 and is available Monday and Tuesdays. Qualcomm is free on weekends but we would have to pay for AV and wine and beer (then we could sell it). Cygnet would cost \$750 to rent + other expenses. Tickets sell for \$15 or \$20. Tom said he liked the play. We were supposed to receive a proposal from Annie but she didn't get it to us for the Board meeting. Carly said she's interested in having it at Ventura with ASA Ventura. Debra will introduce Annie to Carly. If we bring the play to San Diego artists will have booths and can sell their art like we did at the Skirball.

H. **Licensing Art** – Mitch Christian's art licensed to NIMH. Mitch was paid \$50 for NIMH to use "Mask the Decay" at a conference.

I. **Art of Autism Commissions.** It was decided that asking artists for commissions at an event should be on a case by case basis and is dependent on how much work we have to do.

J. **Possible art exhibit for 2020** – Debra has reached out to the gallery by the theater that the Mainly Mozart event will be at in Carlsbad but hasn't heard back. She is looking for galleries for 2020 for Mainly Mozart Genius Week.

K. **Establishment of Committees** – website, publicity, fundraising, project development. We have Debra, Judy, Greg, and Kimberly on the website committee. The other committees have been tabled until next board meeting. Carly said we should modify our bylaws to state that non-board members can serve on committees but a board member must lead the committee.

L. **Input about Website** – special guest Judy from An Autism Observer #ActuallyAutistic blogs has been working on our website. She has added many fields to the footer. She put all our 650+ blogs on an excel worksheet and Debra categorized the blogs. Debra now has to move some of the wrong classifications around. Art of Autism board members are encouraged to give Judy any feedback for what they would like on the website. Judy is willing to do things as long as she likes doing what she is doing. Carly's husband Brian works with SEO. Carly stated that if his work slows down he may be willing to work with the Art of Autism on SEO on the website (maybe in the winter). Judy said we should work together with our websites and Debra said to put a link in the footer to her website.

5. Announcements – Tom will be in Parkland, Florida talking about Come to Life to the Special Education department. Carly will be speaking for the second year to ASA Bakersfield about accommodations in the work environment in October.

6. Adjournment – Meeting ended at 2:56 PST.