

Minutes of the 2018 BRAA Annual meeting

Nov. 4, 2018, 1:30 – 3:00

Hahn Horticulture Garden Pavilion

About 25 people in attendance

President Gerri Young opened the meeting and introduced Libby Calvera for a report/special presentation on the Jordi Art Sale held Oct. 23-24 at the German Club in Blacksburg.

Libby reported the sale was a huge success with all but about 15 pieces of the beginning 233 sold during those two days and/or immediately afterward. Libby thanked the BRAA and Gerri Young for all the assistance given to her throughout the preparation and conducting of the sale. In thanks for that assistance, she presented a check for \$5000 to the BRAA, from the proceeds of the sale. This check was immediately turned over to the BRAA treasurer, Jeanette Bowker, for depositing in BRAA account. President Young stated that she would make sure whatever the money was spent on would be done so in the name of Jordi Calvera.

Along with the agenda for the meeting, each attendee was given a list of accomplishments from 2018.

President Young introduced speaker, John Plashal, author and photographer of the book, “A Beautifully Broken Virginia.” Plashal is a member of the VMFA speakers bureau, available to BRAA because of our affiliation with the museum. His presentation was well received and many questions were asked at the end. Plashal presented a copy of the book to BRAA. This book will likely be either raffled off to one lucky member, or used as a prize in the 2019 New River Art Juried Biennial Exhibition.

After a refreshment break, President Young recognized BRAA VIPS (board members and volunteers), presented a review of 2018 events, stated that the financial health of the association, according to our accountant Alice Ledford, is very good at over \$50,000 in two different bank accounts and stated that she is looking for ideas from everyone about how some of that money should be spent. For instance, scholarships, increased awards money for high school shows, donations to high school art program, etc. All ideas will be gratefully received. Email younggerri@gmail.com.

The election of officers was held with the following incumbent slate presented:

President – Gerri Young
Vice President – Charlotte Chan
Treasurer – Jeanette Bowker
Secretary – Pat Bevan

A motion was made to accept this slate and the motion was seconded and carried.

President Young stated that she has been in this position since 2013 and plans to step down at the end of the 2019 New River Art Juried Biennial in summer 2019 and she is looking for a willing candidate would who like to train with her beforehand with an eye toward stepping into the position in 2019. All interested parties should contact Gerri at younggerri@gmail.com
The meeting adjourned approximately 3:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Gerri Young on Nov. 12, 2018