

Ayrshire Young Arts

Annual General Meeting Wednesday 6th May 2020 1930h via Zoom

Present - Agnes Hartmann, Sue Cheng, Robert De Mey, Pamela De Mey
Apologies - Lesley McDade

2. Chairpersons Report and review of last season.

Robert had sent out the report beforehand. It was agreed that the workshops were well received and enjoyed by members. Robert suggested that it would be nice to celebrate all the years of the Art group since first formation (in 1990's ??) by considering a display of art over the years - perhaps at MacLaurin Gallery Ayr. Can be discussed further at next meeting.

3. Committee membership.

Agnes wishes to step down as Treasurer and committee member. Her contribution and enthusiasm over the years is appreciated by everyone and all agreed she will be missed. Sue Cheng has offered to take the role as Treasurer. All have offered support in this new role and Agnes will arrange to hand over in a suitable way considering social distancing limitations.

Robert agrees to remain as Chairperson.

Pamela agrees to role of Secretary.

Lesley has expressed her agreement to becoming a committee member thank-you!

We have four members on the committee which is just enough to maintain the running of AYA.

The group do need to gain more committee members and this will be a focus for promotion.

4. Treasurers Report.

Agnes confirmed that the balance is £1901 in April 2020 as compared to £2388 in June 2019. However there are outstanding bills to pay for South Ayrshire Council lets, Opera workshop and reimbursement to Pamela for art items. Agnes will approach accountant to review accounts. The balance has gone down mainly as a result of lower income for charity shop last year. Agreed that other sources of funding should be sought (q.v.).

5. Child Safety.

No incidents / concerns reported during 2019-20 season.

6. Covid19 impact.

There may be a financial impact on families - agreed membership fees not to be increased.

Sue has a supply of wipes and disinfectant we can use at workshops. Current venue at Ayr academy is spacious enough to enable social distancing during workshops - has plenty of individual tables. All satisfied workshops can run with adaptations, once central rules permit. Debate on when to re-start - agreed mid September although this may be subject to change depending on evolving guidance over the summer.

7. Ideas for 2020/21 season - suggestions

Sue - pottery - knows someone who could lead group

Sue- Sewing- at Craft daft as location - Agnes suggested possibly making fabric face masks.

Pamela - illuminated manuscript letters

Robert - collage - using objects / 3D.

Outing to be decided/confirmed.

8. Fundraising.

The availability of Maybole Charity shop is uncertain due to pandemic.

Tesco has a blue token method of fundraising for local groups so this would be an option once they open applications. Co-op shop takes applications to support local groups. Can apply for Arts Grants.

9. Promotion of AYA

Facebook - keep it going - easy to post photos . Should ask parents to like and share

Sue suggested schools arts departments - could liaise and advertise but some schools have been restricted in the past due to Council rules.

South Ayrshire Council website of local groups- ensure AYA gets on to this.

Alloway WhatsOn magazine - could place advert here.
Posters in local shops.

10.AOCB - none

11. Next meeting 3 June 2020 at 1930h by Zoom - meeting id created.

Pamela De Mey
8th May 2020