



KODIAK
ARTS COUNCIL

Kodiak Arts Council Annual Meeting Minutes
September 16th, 2021 | Zoom

Attendance	Member	Role	Email
Present	Margaret Bosworth	Treasurer	mikado.kod@gmail.com
Present	Judy Carstens	At Large	perfectparents@ak.net
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Present	Walter Muelling	Secretary	waltermuelling@uri.edu
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Present	Katie Oliver	Director	katie@kodiakarts.org
Present	Mary Patterson	At Large	cliffmary.gertz@mac.com
Present	Melveen Villoria	At Large	imelveen@icloud.com
Present	Mike Wall	President	gm@kmxt.org

- I. President's Welcome
 - a. Called to order at 6:06pm.
- II. Introduction of Guests
 - a. Jenny Stevens, Neelam and Buster Ibrahim, Elizabeth Bender, Brianna Cooper, Ella Saltonstall, and Tyler Barnes
- III. Additions to the Agenda
 - a. None.
- IV. Approval of Minutes of September 23rd, 2020 Annual Meeting
 - a. Minutes approved at 6:08pm.
- V. Financial Report - Margaret Bosworth
 - a. This year's contributed income was \$316,266.81 and the total earned income was \$67,995.18 for a total income of \$384,261.99.
 - b. This year's total expenditures was \$300,566.06.
 - c. The complete statement for Fiscal Year 2021 can be found [here](#).
- VI. Director's Report - Katie Oliver
 - a. We have not had an in person meeting since March, so Katie shared a Zoom screenshot.
 - b. The staff members were introduced.
 - i. Neelam Ibrahim is our Arts Education Coordinator and is present at the meeting.
 - ii. Rory Pstoka served as our Public Programs Manager for about 10 months.
 - iii. Tasnah Bercy is the contracted Visual Arts Special Projects Coordinator
 - iv. Green Bilicki is the Chiniak Art Works CAWdinator



- v. Our Summer Interns this year were Alli Hartt, D Melin, and Serabella Jones.
- c. In a typical year, we have most of our resources and revenues tied to the Performing Arts Series and the Community Theatre program. However, this year we were only able to do one Community Theatre presentation of Letters Aloud over Valentine's Day weekend.
- d. More recently, we had an outdoor concert with [Blackwater Railroad](#) at the Fairgrounds in July.
- e. Our arts education work is also important and thriving largely under Neem's direction. We had four week-long camps with 60 students over spring break, and we distributed 80 take-home kits as well. Sum'Arts for Kids is providing multiple different options for in-person events both indoor and outdoor, or take home kit projects. One highlight of an outdoor activity was a fishing print which involved catching fish on a charter and then did prints of the fish on T-shirts afterwards.
- f. Cabin Fever Crafting was a program which involved Rory developing videos to accompany crafting kits which students and families could pick up and create crafts along with the videos. This program is on hiatus until new leadership for it is hired.
- g. The Munartet Project featured 15 Arts Labs (mostly virtual until April) with more than 200 participants. One of the bright spots about the virtual experience was the ability to work with artists all around Alaska and built great relationships with artists with whom we may have otherwise not been able to work. We also helped facilitate an artist residency with Homer artist [Sharlene Cline](#) visiting KHS visual arts students.
- h. This year we had 5 editions of the BearTown Market in a Box, all of which completely sold out. Overall we bought and sold about \$10,000 of artwork through this project.
- i. Kodiak is popular with bazaars, which led to the Makers of Kodiak filling in the gaps between the cancelled bazaars this year.
- j. The Crab Festival Art Show sold about \$5000 of artwork with our facilitation.
- k. The 10th Annual Artist Trading Card Show was virtual this year, but highly successful.
- l. Biggest question: What's next? After the success of our July concert, we thought that we were in a good position to ramp back up. However, the situation has changed and we have postponed the Super Saturated Sugar Strings to February, and Too Slim & the Taildraggers to TBD 2022. However, we do have four Performing Arts Series performances still on our calendar and are watching carefully to see what happens in the rest of the state.
- m. We are putting on Community Theatre performances of Miracle on 34th Street and The Little Mermaid this year and have a requirement for vaccination for all involved in the production.
- n. We have 9 Arts Labs planned this year to be in person, but they may become virtual if needed.
- o. We have some system upgrades planned for the Auditorium and more information will follow.



VII. Reports from Member Organizations

- a. Alpha Singers - Jenny Stevens
 - i. We got cut out by COVID, but ironically enough, our last rehearsal was a week before the chorus in Washington State rehearsed and got sick. The CDC protocols for singers were, and continue to be, very strict. We have not been able to rehearse this year except for one day in May when numbers seemed lower. We rehearsed outside for two rehearsals and sang for the Fishermen's Memorial. "Music is a totally connecting thread in our lives." We hope that COVID goes away enough that we can get back together. In the mean time, we are working on getting all of our music on iPads and joining the technological world.
- b. Chiniak Art Works - Katie on behalf of the organization
 - i. We watched a short video on the history of the Chiniak Art Works, which you may watch [here](#). Judy thought it was fun. Mike said it was cute. Everyone murmured in content agreement.
- c. [FairWind Players](#) - Melveen Villoria on behalf of Pam Foreman
 - i. As with many theatre production organizations, this year was cut dark. We have been spending our time dreaming and planning to come back for the fall/winter season of 2022/2023. Thanks for the KAC for supporting our little theatre group.
- d. [Galley Tables](#) - Brianna Gibbs
 - i. The theme this year was "Well, We Tried!" We went back to the drama pod, where we got our start, and were able to livestream a performance hoping to bring the stories to an audience while keeping everyone safe. Unfortunately, the numbers got worse and we switched to fully Zoom-recorded shows which worked well for a few months. This made recruiting storytellers more difficult than usual. The magic of Galley Tables is when everyone comes together, so we made the difficult decision to cancel the final shows. We ended the season with a little social media push involving some of our favorite stories from the past. We have decided that the online format was too challenging, so we are going to try to kickoff in January 2022 with a half-full glass of optimism. We will most likely deal with limited capacity, and we have decided to begin charging entrance fees if we are able to open in January to cover costs and make our events sustainable. We loved the idea of being donation-based, but it was always difficult to meet our ceiling costs, and we were the only storytelling group in the state who still offered free performances.
- e. [Isle Bells](#) - Ella Saltonstall
 - i. Isle Bells is Alaska's only community handbell choir, entering our 11th season. We have no auditions, but we ask that members understand how to read music. We recently reconvened, but we cancel practices when local case numbers guide us to take extra caution. We rode the waves of COVID, and we broadcast a concert in December of past performances. We resumed practices in spring of 2021 and put on a Spring Ring in the auditorium, and it felt amazing to be back on stage. The concert was a benefit concert for the KAC. This summer, Ella attended a seminar down South. We are hoping to put on two shows in December presenting our Holiday Bells performance. We require vaccinations and masks. In recognition of September as National Suicide Awareness Month, we performed a candlelight vigil in honor of a past member.



- f. [Kodiak Bear Paw Quilters Guild](#) - Ilva Fox
 - i. This year we had to cancel our quilt show. We have postponed it until possibly February, when in-person meetings will be safer. We meet at Bayside Fire Hall while socially distancing and encouraging members to wear masks. We held elections at our June meeting and now have new officers. Our membership has fallen from 54 to 46 this year, possibly due to the lack of time to do communal sewing. Our finances are holding well, but we haven't spent or made much money. The raffle for our quilt show is continuing until the drawing on October 12th at our meeting on that date. We were unable to sponsor any teachers from off island or go on our Port Lions retreat, but we did have a small workshop with twelve participants at the library. We continue our comfort quilt program in support of the community. We have also been making quilts of valor for service members who have been touched by war. We also make quilts for all new residents at the Elder House. We are looking for more venues to give out more quilts. After the fires in Canada, the guild collected and shipped quilts to the community which was lost. Our goal is to keep having meetings and be together as long as is possible and safe.
- g. Kodiak Russian Balalaika Players
 - i. No report
- h. [Made in Kodiak](#) - Mary Patterson
 - i. We are in the process of resuming and recruiting members. We will have a Fall Harvest Show at the convention center at the end of October. More information can be found at our [website](#).

VIII. Board of Director's Election

- a. Three-year term: July Carstens
 - i. The candidate was elected unanimously at 7:23pm.
- b. Three-year term: Cecelia Esparza
 - i. The candidate was elected unanimously at 7:23pm.
- c. Three-year term: Ilva Fox
 - i. The candidate was elected unanimously at 7:23pm.
- d. Three-year term: Dale Nelson
 - i. The candidate was elected unanimously at 7:23pm.
- e. One-year term: Tyler Barnes
 - i. The candidate was elected unanimously at 7:23pm.

IX. General Membership Comments, Questions, and Announcements

- a. Mary congratulates the new board members and thanks Walter for hanging out with us for so long.
- b. Margaret agrees, and especially welcomes Tyler. We did a good job rising to challenges and is looking forward to the next year.
- c. Cece thanks Walter for the wonderful notes and wishes him good luck pursuing his Ph.D. and hopes that he comes back.
- d. Judy misses seeing Walter in his suit, tie, and sneakers. She knows he'll be successful and also wants to say hello to Kate.



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- e. Ilva will miss the prompt and amusing minutes, and wants to thank everyone from the umbrella organizations for being here tonight.
 - f. Judy jumped in again to hope that Tyler has the brawn and muscle to fit in, and apparently was “up front” with him the whole time about it. Tyler said he was “ready for it.”
 - g. Cece welcomes Tyler and says he’ll enjoy his time on the board.
- X. Next Meeting: Regular Meeting on Wednesday, Sep. 22nd, 2021, at 5:45pm on Zoom.
- XI. Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.