

Northeastern CT Art Guild Inc
Annual Members' Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2024,

Putnam Town Hall, 200 School St, Room #112

5:30-6 Social Half Hour; Meeting 6-8pm

Attendance: Jennifer Atwood, Julie Caprera, Renee Gagnon,
Cecelia Giella, Angela Kasper, Anna Mancini, Alla Markelova,
Mindy Delp, Beth Gentile, Kathy Mulford, Elliot Nadelman,
Philippa Paquette, Paula Pauley, Jeffrey Payette, Elaine Turner,
Steve Veilleux, Theresa Rzepa, Brian Tracy, Jan Leach, and
Marty Lavoy,[guest]

I Call to Order :Meeting was called to order by Julie Caprera,
President, at 6:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes from last meeting: A motion was made to
approve the minutes from the last meeting in November, by Anna
Mancini, and seconded by Kathy Mulford.

III. Open Business

A) Treasurer's Report—Renee Gagnon : Checking account
has \$13,627.34, PayPal has \$191.55, and Stripe has
\$206.66.Member count is 77.

B) Website Report—Renee Gagnon: Guild website has a
new payment method called Stripe.

C) Community Liaison Report—Elaine Turner: See this past
Monday's update in your email.

D) President's Report—Julie Caprera: New goals for the Art
Guild have been set up. We wish to foster and strengthen our
community. In the past year, due to Elaine Turner's efforts
with the Putnam Business Association, and Arts Council,
Many of us worked together on community projects. We have
also added more classes and workshops. We have been
able to use the Putnam YMCA, and, Putnam Town Center,
and Library. Some classes are still in the works, such as
weaving, and also hat-making. We have fostered
development of our Board of Directors. Also for the 2nd year
in a row we held a Board retreat in January, which was very

productive. We continued to work on goals for the present, as well as 3 years and 5 years from now. One of our goals being to hold a juried exhibit. Beth Johnston is heading up this project. New policies have also been established.

E) Classes: See Monday updates in your email,. for a full list.

F) Exhibits : See Monday updates. One recent activity in which Art Guild members participated was the “Art Heist”, held in Putnam this past weekend. 47 art pieces were sold, with more than half donated by our Guild.

G) Other Opportunities

1) Taylor Brooke Winery Event May 18, 2024—Alison Ciarlante: Sign-up must be completed by March 15th. Cost of a 10x10 outdoor spot is \$30. The Art Guild keeps \$10. for each member who signs up. You will need a tent, as the event is rain or shine. 2) Juried Art Exhibit---Beth Johnston : more details to follow.

IV. New Business

A) Elections : Renee Gagnon is chairwoman of nominating committee.:

Slate of Officers is as follows:

President—Julie Caprera elected with 19 yeas.

Vice President: remains vacant until nomination[s] come forward

Secretary—Angela Kasper elected with 19 yeas.

Treasurer—Renee Gagnon elected with 19 yeas

2) Board of Directors—Three Year Term

Jennifer Atwood : 19 yeas

Alla Markelova: 19 yeas

Jeff Payette: 19 yeas

B) Committees

1) Membership—Elaine Turner : suggestion of having membership cards was proposed by Elliot Nadelman. Membership committee is responsible for greeting at meetings, attendance, name tags, and refreshments.

2) Marketing---Renee Gagnon : Explained Art Guild Facebook page as opportunity for members to post about their work, classes, and exhibits.

C) Members Introductions: At Julie's suggestion we broke into small groups and learned each others' stories, so we were able to introduce each other.

V. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Renee Gagnon at approximately 7:45, and seconded by Anna Mancini.