

**Art of the Lakes**  
*Board Meeting Minutes - Gallery & Zoom*  
*April 15, 2026 10-12 pm*

**Our Mission is to develop, promote, and encourage an interest in the arts...**

**Board Members:**

**Present:** Karalee Brandner, Kristi Kuder, Linda Nine, John Olesen, Sheryl Olson, Shari Prigge, Ann Smith, Sue Tysdal;

**Absent:** Vanessa Sellner,

**Employees:** Present: Debbie Ness, Jane Kelly

**Approve agenda** review/additions - Sue Tysdahl, Second by Cheryl Olson: motion passed

**Approve minutes** - March 2026 - Sherri Prigge, second by John Olesen motion passed.

**Financials** - A Smith/J Kelly - motion by Karlee, seconded by Sheryl, motion passed

- Financial Report - J Kelly
- Financial Proposals -
  - Financial Report - J Kelly
    - Statement of Operations was presented
      - Shows a gain, ahead of proposed budget for SFY26
      - Gallery sales, on target with the budget
      - Workshop/Classes- ahead of budget
      - Donations have increased from 2025
        - Invoices for membership included this donation
    - Statement of Financial Position was presented
  - Motion to approve financial statements made
  - Andria Theater production on April 12 netted \$760

**Committee Reports**

**Fundraising/Grants**

- LRAC Spring Project Grant - J Olesen
  - \$1234 for grant expenses to cover PLPA artist's workshop fees, Mary Boyal, Lisa Sauffer, Greg Presickla, Steven Henning. Six registrants needed to break even for each PLPA workshop (24 total)
- Upcoming Grants
  - OT Power: Krisit will presentation for over \$5,000 to cover the deck costs (\$about 30,000)
  - Sanford Health: John Olesen talked with Sue Kalseim about Senior classes in fall 2026
  - LREC: apply to supplement to costs of the deck- Ann & Sheryl
  - Minnesota Arts Experiences: Apply to help cover costs for Summer Solstice 2027- Kristi
  - WCI: \$25,000. Operations grant- Waiting to hear back from
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**Membership**

- Report - A Smith As of Apr 15, 2026 143 paid members, 46 lapsed from 2026, 256 on the entire list since 2021. About 25 new members since November of 2025.
  - Debbie and Ann will plan monthly social activities for members to meet each other. I.e. Coffee, Happy Hour, potluck.

**Marketing** - K Kuder

- BL Review Advertorial Column: No charge for events that we do not benefit from. \$1,200/year for 2x per month.
- Motion by Sherri to up to \$1200/year for Advertorial column in BL Review, second by John, Motion passed.
- Sherri sees an increase in registration for classes after email, Facebook blasts and brochure distributions. Word of mouth advertising is important.

- John Olesen wants marketing to have a press release in BL Review on the weeks without ads.

### Classes/Education - S Prigge / S Kalsiem

- Summer Adult program: Sherri
  - Sherri handed out the brochure with a list of registrants and minimum numbers needed for each class.
  - Sherri wants to know how the waitlist/or cancellations (weather, sickness etc.) are handled. Registrants' phone numbers are needed.
- Summer Youth program: Sue Kalseim
  - It needs more promotion. Discussion of promoting with BL School.

Overall as discussion ensued of working with BL School Community Ed. Glendalough Park Partners may be approached. John wants to promote PLPA to HS students.

Senior Adults Program: Craig Palm had turtle building class at Lake villa with 10+ participants on April 14

### Gallery

- Spring/Summer schedule - Deb N
  - HS exhibit will be down on Apr 21, 2026, Gallery will be rehung
  - Gallery open May 1 Friday, Saturday 10-5, Memorial weekend May 24 Sunday 10-3, Fri & Sat 10-8, Weekdays M-TH 10-5pm
  - April 23 Gallery Cleaning: Pay Stephanie \$50-\$100 for spring cleaning. John will power wash front and do front windows
  - Electrical: on Sales Desk will be updated.
  - Raffle - S Prigge

### Programs

- **Purse Bingo** -May 8 at First Lutheran Sue Tysdal  
Plans are in place. Excel spreadsheet created. Help is needed on May 8 for Bingo. Deserts will be donated by AOTL members. Color ad to BL REview. The clinic will put it on Marque. Info at LACC. Setup will be on Thursday May 7, 2026

**Purse Bingo Raffle:** Sherri Prigge

Everything is ready to go. Membership brochures, Classes brochures,

- **Summer Solstice - Longest Day of Art** - K Kuder Jun 20, 2026

Kick off of Battle Lake 135 Anniversary.

PL Plein Aire Kickoff

Photographers will be taking pictures around town.

- **Studio Tour** - K Kuder

Lake Country Gardens will be a new site

Sarah Browne will have brochures ready

- **Arts & Crafts Affair** - D Ness

41 artists registered. Sarah Browne creating posters

- **PL Plein Air** - J Olesen

17 registered artists.

June 20 - September 25th

### Old Business - (5 min or less each)

- Staff review - (set dates for review)
  - Monday Apr 27, 2026 10 am - 10:30
  - Debbie will be out of Gallery for Paul's Stem Cell Transplant May 25- Jun 26, 2026
- Deck Plan - K Kuder
  - Cliff Fegert, building committee has a deck plan from Tim Hanson. Second bid is requested. (Schwartz Built, Vining.)

### **New Business – (5 min or less each)**

- Exhibitions - K Kuder- Open to discussion:
  - Concerns about using Gallery for exhibitions .
  - Art of Lakes being closed in Winter
  - MN Textile Center Exhibit in Jan & Feb 2027. Receptions need to be scheduled with AOTL. Use Members as Greeters.
  - Proposed reserving  $\frac{1}{3}$  of Gallery space in Jan- April for exhibitions. While having member artists with work. Apply for LRAC grant to cover \$3,000.
  - Partnership with Kaddatz, NY Mills, LRAC to have a revolving.
  - Motion by Kristi, Second by John to schedule Mn Textile Center exhibit. Motion Passed
- Intern for Summer. Chase Wahland applied. Debbie will follow up.

### **Board Discussion**

- Proposed By-Laws Changes are in the AOTL Google Drive.
- Annual Membership meeting - Thursday, May 21, Ann Smith
  - Food, Annual Report, Board introduction, Summer Event Reports, Committee Updates, Deck Update
- Motion to adjourn by John Olesen.

### **Lunch Break:**

### **Work Meeting - 1:30**

- Committee structure & responsibilities
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- AOTL/CAC logo

**Next Board Meeting - May 20, 2026 9:00 am @ Gallery**