



802 ARTs House

April 21, 2026

802ArtsHouse is a community of artists that cultivates a high level of artistry and creativity through collaboration, promotion and advocacy for the arts.

Present:

Gary Walz

Ellen Thompson

Jim Holzschuh

Dee Christie

Paula Willoquet

Abigail Bartell

Zoie Parent

Quorum (4) Met: yes no

802 Board evaluation: [BOARD MEETING EVALUATION overseen by Secretary](#)

Time	Agenda
6:30	1. Call to Order and Welcome (Ellen) 6:32 a. Meeting Roles i. Time keeper - ZOIE ii. Member Check - GARY iii. Process checker (Robert's Rules & Member's voices) - JIM 2. APPROVE MINUTES, (Gary) a. March Meeting Motion: Abby Second: Paula Discussion: A vote was taken: _7__in favor, _0__ opposed, ___ abstentions.

6:45	3. UPDATES a. FINANCIAL UPDATE Balance OH \$ 6,410.85 Currently in a deficit Only 13 paying members for the Robinson Farm Show B/E is 50 sign-ups Zoie has a list of 50 potential sign-ups to reach out to. b. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE 4/14/06 Update: <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Current Membership</td> <td>144 (on paper- Abby's list)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not current as of Jan 2026-today</td> <td>62</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Life-Time Members</td> <td>12</td> </tr> </table> Since the February 2nd meeting we've had one new member join, and 8 renewals. c. JURY UPDATE Same as March Report. 3 applications in 2026, all three accepted. 2 have paid their membership. d. PRESIDENT'S REPORT <i>i. Member /Show communication</i> Should show communications best be coming from the coordinators of individual shows? Ellen will put together a list of what we send out on both an ongoing or sporadic basis. <i>ii. Reports linked into agenda</i> All board members please link their own reports in. <i>iii. Social Media Postings - need some- we have an 802 Instagram following - Use Meta Business Suite - Need a refresher?</i> - 802arts	Current Membership	144 (on paper- Abby's list)	Not current as of Jan 2026-today	62	Life-Time Members	12
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	1. 602 posts 2. 1,863 followers 3. 3,056 following - Facebook - 506 Please use Meta and look at planner. Need more posts about the upcoming shows Ellen is looking for suggestions on how to get better at posting
	4. OLD BUSINESS Committee Work: ● Program Committee ○ Bizarre Bazaar - Dee/Ellen Dee is meeting with the Messenger Most of the sites are filling up nicely ○ Vermont Artisan Festival at Robinson Farm - Zoie Music is lined up Need more sign-ups Will go into the Art Chat after the 27th Zoie suggested that board members get a discount Possibly a voucher for the year - discuss this at our next retreat ● Fundraising Committee - Jim/Gary Next meeting soon. Cathy LeClair has agreed to join the committee Review Ellen's write-up on Foundational campaign, and make sure we can use that money as needed OTHER: ● Scholarships - Abby ○ Scholarship info went out on April 6th to Danville HS, BFA St Albans, Milton HS, Burlington, Woodstock, and Essex HS. ○ The deadline to apply is May 1st, and I haven't gotten any back yet. ● Affiliates: Home is Where the Heart is - affiliate galleries/artists - Ellen Ellen has started, it still needs to get out to members and the affiliates

	Need to use the Handwork 2026 logo on the two shows and Home is Where the Heart is. • Annual Meeting - Paula Paula has created a survey for members to determine meeting preferences • Survey of membership - Paula
	5. NEW BUSINESS Workshops - Ellen • Christian Poupart will do a workshop on ZOOM (need to set date, time, pricing) • Ambassador Program National Art Scene: Invitation https://craftcouncil.org/national-craft-open-studios-application/
	6. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 12 6:30 - 8:00 pm
	7. ACTIONS FROM MEETING: a) What constitutes a board decision that needs a vote b) Zoie will reach out to her list of 50 potential sign-ups for Robinson Farm show c) Ellen will put together a list of what we send out in terms of communications on both an ongoing or sporadic basis. d) All board members please link their own reports in to the agenda going forward. e) For next in-person Board Meeting - should board members get a discount on shows or comped membership fees?
	8. MEETING ADJOURNED 8:10 Motion: Abby Second: Zoie

	Discussion: A vote was taken: _7__in favor, _0__ opposed, ____ abstentions. Motion <u>DOES/DOES NOT PASS.</u>
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