



December 2025 Meeting Minutes
at 5:30 PM at Brooksville City Hall
201 Howell Avenue Brooksville, FL 34601

A. Call to Order (Pedram Moghaddam called the meeting to order at 5:35)

1. Pledge to the Flag
2. Roll call and establish a quorum. The following members were present: Cheryl Hill, Joan LoBianco, Lisa Council, Nina Mattei, Pedram Moghaddam, Ron Coles, Deanna Passarelli and Nidia Pierce. Cindy Mahon, Dianne Greenwell, and Dakota Horton were excused. Roxanne Campbell was absent.
3. There were no guests present.

B. Approval of Minutes (Joan LoBianco)

Approval of November 2025 meeting minutes and attendance sheet. Lisa made a motion to approve the November 2025 minutes. Ron Coles 2nd the motion. It was approved unanimously.

C. Election of officers: Pedram Moghaddam : Chair

Cheryl Hill : Treasurer

Joan LoBianco : Secretary

Lisa Council : Vice Chair

Deanna made a motion to approve 2026 executive council members, Ron Coles 2nd the motion.

D. Financial Matters (Cheryl Hill)

1. Cheryl Hill shared Nature Coast Art League's application for a grant. Based on items in the grant application citing their intended use for the funds, members voiced concerns that the intended desire to use the funds for food and drink at an event and also the intent to redirect left over funds to their scholarship recipients was not uses that are outlined in the bylaws as acceptable usages of funds. Members voted and the grant was declined. Joan LoBianco who is a member of the NCAL abstained from the vote.

E. Volunteer Log updates (Nina Mattei)

1. Next quarterly review for volunteer log updates are due in January.
2. Upcoming volunteer requests: WWJB December 17th, Pedram will do
3. Valentine Portraits for West Hernando Branch library was shared by Nidia. Volunteers are needed to make this project plan a success.
4. FPAW volunteers needed for January 3, 2026

F. Work Plans: Status Update & Discussion

1. Art in the Park-Pedram shared about plans for entertainment ideas, discussed the needs To make the student Art tent run smoother, the need for judges for the student art and Ideas for making the judging process easier.
The need for more reputable judges for the fine arts was discussed and the need to pay fairly. There is a need for a fine crafts judge, 2 fine art judges, and a student art judge. Pedram also shared about getting more theatre art type presentations at AITP. He shared an idea about theatre people dressing up and handing out information about their theatre groups.
2. Fundraising-Lisa Council-Ruby Tuesday is offering to allow artwork to be displayed for sale In their restaurant. They will continue to be a source of fund raising for the Council. Lisa shared that other fund raising events are in planning.
3. Arts in Education-Nidia shared that HCEF has approved 3 proposals for Art in Education grants that the arts council will match. NCAL's will match in the amount of \$250. A vote on these matching funds will go to vote in January. Chocachatti's art teacher and two art teachers from Weeki Wachee High School submitted grant proposals.
Nidia also shared that 6 non profit organizations have committed to participating in the children's art experience area at Art in the Park.

G. Member Comments : Joan LoBianco shared that she will not be able to attend AITP but will be available Friday March 13th for set up. Ron shared raising the grant amount or the grant being for one individual in a larger amount. Lisa shared that her company "Mrs. Grout" will be hosting an invitation only Halloween party in 2026, on Mrs. Grout's property. Nina shared sponsorship commitments for AITP

H. Dates to Remember

- a. **Volunteer Log updates & Agenda Items Due by 31st.**
- b. **Front Porch Art Walk** –January 3rd, 2026 10AM-2PM
- c. **Next Monthly Meeting** – Thursday, January 8th at 5:30 PM at 201 Brooksville City Hall