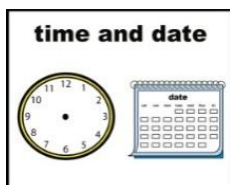


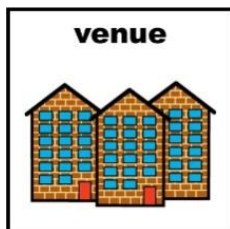
Minutes

Annual General Meeting 2021 - 2022



Started: 6pm

Thursday 30 Nov 2022



The meeting was held online, via Zoom.



1. Welcome / introduction

James Hill (Director) and Ros Lehany (Chair) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

We reminded everyone that an AGM is a meeting for trustees, legal members and other people who are interested to review Pyramid's activities.

The purpose of the meeting is to check that Pyramid is doing what it is supposed to, and spending its funding (money) correctly.

This AGM was to review Pyramid's activities from April 2021 – March 2022.



2. Trustees and leadership

Mindy Goose and Gill Crawshaw were new trustees who had been co-opted by the Board. They were accepted by the legal members, approved by a show of hands.

Andy Marshall and Leanne Buchan resigned from the board, and were thanked for their time as trustees.



3. Finance

Di Hart presented the easy-read version of our accounts for 2021-22.

Sarah Cockburn reminded everyone that they could ask the office staff for a copy of the full accounts.

James Hill provided a detailed statement on Pyramid's current financial position.

He explained the accounts in more details and highlighted that the income looks high because of our Accountant recognising all income for multi-year grants.

But even though it looked like there was a lot of money, there were actually some financial challenges.

Pyramid staff were responding to the challenges by:

- Applying for new project funding as soon as it was made available from funders.
- Restoring and increasing membership income by recruiting new members.
- Seeking donations large and small! We have fundraising packs available if anyone can help with this.

The accounts were accepted by a show of hands.



Pete O'Hara was nominated to continue as our Accountant and Independent Examiner. This was approved by a show of hands.



4. Activity Report (April 2021- March 2022)

The Activity Report featured some photos and artwork of projects that happened April 2021-March 2022. Guests at the meeting spoke about the projects they had been involved in.

Despite continuing challenges around Covid, our groups returned to face-to-face work and created some beautiful work.

James Hill thanked the partners and funders, the trustees and the team of freelance artists and volunteers for their continued hard work. He also thanked our members, the amazing artists with learning disabilities and autism that continue to make great art work!

The High Rise Bramley Project had come to an end. The team of artists involved hosted a drop in creative, sensory day for members and the general public at Bramley Community Centre to celebrate the project. James thanked Project Coordinator Julie Shackleton for running the project, especially during very challenging times over Covid.

Ros Lehany read through Pyramid's Charitable Objectives.

All charities must have governing document, which includes all the rules that the charity must follow. Pyramid's governing document and charitable objectives are available for everyone to read on the Pyramid website, or by asking staff for a copy.

Sarah Cockburn asked people to vote on whether the Activity Report 2021-22 fits with Pyramid's Charitable Objectives by raising their hands. This was approved.



5. Future plans

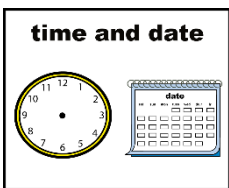
James Hill and Liam Hirst introduced Pyramid's Visioning Group. From January 2023 we will be running a new, FREE weekly group called our Visioning Group, and we would like you to attend.

The group will:

- Meet on a Tuesday afternoon's (term-time only) at the Pyramid Office, 1-3pm, from January 2023.
- We will make art and have fun together, but also talk about the future of Pyramid and what you as the members want from Pyramid.
- The group will create the next Strategic Plan (24-28).
- The group will organise the AGM 22-23 and present the new Strategic Plan.

This is the third AGM that we have done on Zoom. Next year we want to return to doing a bigger, social event with an exhibition celebrating and sharing our work.

Pyramid encourages anyone who wants to help shape Pyramid's future and get involved with the next AGM to please consider joining the Visioning group!



Some upcoming events / projects to look out for are:

Friday 02 December 2022

Opera North / Pyramid – The Pyramid View on... Opera North's La Traviata, Friday 02 December 2-3pm at Howard Assembly Rooms.

Thursday 08 December 2022

I AM AN ARTIST / Next Step Pyramid group sharing - Thursday 08 December, 6.30-8.30pm at Unit 3, Croydon Street, Holbeck, LS11 9RT.

February 2023 TBC

Irregular Art School exhibition – School of Fine Art, History of Art and Cultural Studies, University of Leeds.