

EACA Board Meeting

February 7, 2023

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by President Evie Gauthier. The meeting was held in the conference room of the Eldorado Community Center.

Present, in addition to the President, were: Jane Beck, Membership; Sam Elkind, Communications; Pat Rasmussen, Studio Tour; Harn Soper, Shop Talks; Linda McPherson, Social; and Kim Crickard, Past President.

Absent were Debra Henderlong, Vice President; Zina Hogan, Secretary; Nan Patmont, Treasurer; Debbie Park, Communications; Andrea Sharon, Shop Talks; and Karen Murry, Spring & Winter Shows.

The minutes of the January 3rd, 2023 meeting were approved.

Reports

Reports from the Vice President and Treasurer were not presented due to Debra and Nan both being absent.

Communications Report, Sam Elkind

Debbie Parke will not be able to attend meetings until after the school year. Sam Elkind, Newsletter chair, reported in her absence. Board members offered congratulations to Sam on the February newsletter. Sam stated that he is always looking for marketing or educational opportunities for artists, and will include those in newsletters. The next newsletter will be published in April; the deadline for material is March 15.

Membership Report, Jane Beck

Jane reported that 2023 memberships are trickling in.

Website, Nan Patmont

Though Nan is in Hawaii, she and Evie have been communicating about the website consultation that we've received. Nan is pleased with the product the

consulting company have provided and needs to proceed. There is \$1000 set aside in the budget for website consultation.

Studio Tour Report, Pat Rasmussen

Pat reported that many of her committee chair positions have been filled; those that remain open (Underwriters, Education, Directional Signs, Gallery Manager and Hosts) are not urgent at this date.

Pat described her job at a Director, not a decision-maker. Her intention is to let specific committees make decisions about their particular areas. A Team meeting for the Studio Tour is scheduled for February 21.

Registration for the Tour will open on April 7 and close on April 21. Late applications may be entered between April 21 and April 28, but will carry a penalty.

We had a wide-ranging discussion regarding several aspects of the Tour. The main points were:

Preview Gallery sales - feedback from the survey suggested we have a tent between the two buildings and do all sales and wrapping there.

Preview Gallery staffing - should we have just one Manager, and should that person be paid for that job? Also, we probably only need two Hosts at a time in each gallery.

Catalogues - Issues of printing, mailing, and distribution are a priority for the team.

Mentors - Suggested that mentors be present to meet their artists at the New Participants' meeting; and that artists meeting one another should be part of the meeting.

Social Committee, Linda McPherson

Linda is researching the possibility of either/both a social event in the spring or the fall. She would like to find a co-chair with whom to work.

Shop Talks, Harn Soper

Harn reported that he and Andrea have a Shop Talk planned, but not yet scheduled, which be done via zoom. The topic will be preparing your art for display and transport; framing, shipping. They plan to have videos on these topics during the talk. Harn and Andrea are open and eager for volunteers to do talks, or ideas for topics. We discussed the option of proposing various topics and asking the members which they would be most likely to attend. Field trips or a program on the psychology of being an artist were suggested.

Spring/Winter Shows, Karen Murry

Although Karen was unable to attend the meeting, she sent a written report later in the day. She states that the Spring show is scheduled for May 6, 2023 and will have room for 22 artists inside the building with possible outdoor locations as well. The online application will go live Monday, February 20, on the EACA website. The fee is \$35.

Old Business

Storage Units

Kim Crickard was deeply apologetic about the fact that she and Harn had forgotten they volunteered to evaluate the rodent problem in our storage unit(s). They'll do it before our next meeting.

By-Laws

Evie presented two revisions in the By-Laws for the Board's approval. Discussion led to the issue of stating what a Quorum is in the by-laws and also the options of doing votes by email. Evie asked Sam and Pat, who both seem to have experience and wisdom in the writing of By-Laws, if they would review what she comes up with. We'll then look at the new version at the next Board meeting.

New Business

Evie congratulated Sam Elkind on the opening of his photography show at the Library. Marlene Walker also opened with a display of her ceramics and jewelry. For other artists interested in a display in the Library, the contact person is John Wylie, johnwyliephotography@gmail.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Evie Gauthier, President