

2016-02-22

The General Meeting of the Watercolor & Graphic Arts Society was called to order by President Monique McFarland at 6:30 pm in the Armbrrecht Briskman Room in the Ben May (downtown) branch of the Mobile Public Library, 701 Government St. Ten Members were present.

Monique asked if the minutes of the last meeting should be read or if the Members would accept them as distributed by email. Deborah Hall moved that they be accepted. Marcy Matherne seconded. The motion was passed by acclamation.

Patti Vickery gave the Treasurer's report. Our current balance is \$1,800.26. Patti reported that we are still being charged a monthly fee by the bank, but should not be because we are a non-profit. Corky Goldman suggested that perhaps we needed to change account types – or change banks. It was suggested that if we changed to an electronic account, there might not be a charge. Patti said she will continue to look into it. She asked Lynda to send her the information on the non-profit status. Lynda moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Joanne Brandt seconded. Passed by acclamation.

Under old business we discussed the upcoming show at Innova Arts. Several people wanted to know how to find it on St. Louis Street. It is between N. Cedar and N. Lawrence. Monique said that she was planning to have a poster made to publicize the exhibition. She passed around a mock-up of the poster she had in mind. [attached] This was met with general approval, but Joanne suggested that the word "Show" be changed to "Juried Exhibition". The group agreed, and Monique said it would be no trouble to change it. Gail Bramer asked if there was a way to set up the sandwich board we had used at Urban Emporium, on Dauphin Street, in order to direct people to Innova Arts. Maybe we could use Monique's poster but with an arrow pointing the way. Monique said as far as she knows the board is still at Mobile Arts Council, and we could probably get it to use, but we might not be able to use it that way. But she stressed that the poster, when completed, would be available to everyone to use in promoting the exhibition, either in print or digital form. She had space-holders in which to put art from the upcoming show as it becomes available. Lynda suggested that we put sections of work rather than using complete pieces, the way we did for the rack cards, so they wouldn't have to be square to fit in Monique's space-holders. Monique will see how that works out.

Lynda passed around for comments the publicity blurb that she and Thomas Harrison had created. It has been already sent to Lagniappe, MAC, and the Press-Register. Marcy noted that the end date should be changed from April 1st to March 31st. [attached] This is also available to all for their use and can be modified as desired.

Monique asked if the award plaques should be up before the reception starts since it may be chaotic. Lynda moved that they should be. Janet Hinton seconded, and the motion passed.

Janet asked if the judge should bring one of his own works for display and we agreed that he should, and also a bio. She asked what the remuneration would be, and \$175.00 was agreed upon as standard. Lynda mentioned that we will also need to hang the photo and bio of Ruth Bruckmann again since her family is giving the Best of Show award.

Also at the reception we will be voting on new Members and on Members' Choice. Monique will bring the ballot boxes. Lynda will print the ballots for new Members, but noted that two of those proposed had not yet sent in résumés. Monique asked when they had to be in. Lynda replied that they should be on display at the reception in the binder that Monique is to bring.

Lynda reminded everyone that it is time to consider new officers for 2016-2017. Deborah volunteered to head the nominating committee. Marcy agreed to help and suggested that Karen McGahagin would be a good addition to that committee.

Patti noted that it is time for the books to be audited. She said that Jane Shaw and Suzanne Wright had do that for us last time and would probably agree to do so again. Patti will contact them.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Smith Touart, Secretary

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2016 SPRING
ART
SHOW

Show Dates
March 11th-25th

Gallery Hours

Mon thru Fri
10:00-5:00
Sat 9:00-2:00



Reception

FRIDAY
March 11
during
LODA ARTWALK
6:00-9:00
AWARDS 7:00



Where



505 St. Louis St.
Mobile, AL

