

2018-03-03

The General Meeting of the Watercolor & Graphic Arts Society was called to order at 9:08 at the Japanese Garden House, President Clare King presiding. Other officers present were 2nd VP Hunter Cobb, Treasurer Debbie Guy, and Secretary Lynda Touart. 1st VP Mary Elizabeth Kimbrough was not present. 15 Members were present - eventually.

Conroy Hudlow has agreed to be proposed for 1st VP, so Lynda nominated him, Clare seconded, and the motion passed. Clare held that we still need a Treasurer. Several people were suggested. When Doris Amster was named, she protested that she wanted to remain merely a Member for a while. Hunter asked if May would be far enough in the future. We asked Marcy Matherne, but she declined. Later Lynda inquired if we were through leaning on Marcy, but Marcy said we were. [...] and [...] were mentioned. Lynda asked Clare if she would like their names left out of the minutes so they could be taken unawares, and Clare said, "Please." Clare declared that we will need to form a committee to find a Treasurer. She and Conroy will assume that duty. Debbie said the only problem she had had was the tax report for the non-profit aspect, but that it was all settled now.

About future exhibitions, Clare reported that she, Roxanne Dyess, and Karen McGahagin had met at MAC and have secured a date for November of 2019. Roxanne said that she will check on exhibiting at the Daphne City Hall. Clare said she would like to get a Shared Expressions going again, as it was so popular. Conroy noted that the Alabama Contemporary Arts charges admission, so that would not be a good venue for that. Clare stated that she would at least try to set up alternating years with MAC and ESAC. This was greeted with approval. Karen, Roxanne, and Clare will meet again on the 14th to research more venues. Conroy noted that Sway has a nice gallery, but that it is not often open to the public.

For the upcoming show, Hunter said that the take-in will be 28 April from 10AM to 1PM, at Innova Arts. The reception will be on 11 May during ArtWalk. The take down will be the last week in May, during regular business hours. Innova will do all the hanging and will supply the refreshments, and take 30% commission on sales. There was discussion on raising the entry fee, but this was not supported. It will remain \$30 for the first piece and \$10 for the second, in this juried and judged show. The Members' Choice will be \$100. Clare suggested that there be some sort of notice about Denise, similar to the Ruth Bruckmann information. Hunter said he would see to that. Lynda stated that she had received the \$500 for the Best of Show from the Bruckmann family. Hunter said he had the photo and biography of Ruth for the show. Lynda read the names of the proposed members: Sahar Alford, Sondra Carlisle, Lucy Gafford, Ben Kaiser, Sharon McCormick, Jamie McGough, Merlin Miller, Cat Pope, Sherry Roy, , Helen Thurber, Susan Ward, and Susan Wertelecki.

Discussion turned to the need to recruit more members, especially young people. Hunter proposed that we have a 3rd show every year for students. Since there is already a committee formed for a similar purpose, he suggested that it be folded into that. Names mentioned were Lisa Handcock, Lydia Host, Mary Elizabeth Kimbrough, and Kate Sewell, as they are teachers. Marcy said that university and high school students should both be included. Phyllis Henson mentioned that Satomi Kamei also taught classes. Phyllis asked what media would be allowed, and Clare asserted that it should at least be 2D. Corky Goldman said that he has a list of art teachers for the Mobile Public School system. Monique McFarland said she knows the MPS assistant superintendent and would talk to him. Gail Bramer volunteered to help.

Lynda asked if there should be any discussion about day/time for the meetings, but everyone there (big surprise) felt that it was well-scheduled. Clare said we should go ahead and set up the next meeting, and it was fixed for June 7th at 6PM at the Garden House.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Lynda Smith Touart, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

March 3, 2018

Balance as of March 3, 2018.....\$2950.67

Credits:

Dues and Entry fees: \$1300.00

Total: \$1300.00

Expenditures:

Rental for meeting: \$50.00

Judges fee: \$150.00

Best of Show: \$400.00

Best Aqua Media: \$175.00

Best Graphic Arts: \$175.00

Members Choice (Denise Inge Memorial Award): \$100.00

2 Honorable Mention Awards: \$100.00

Reimbursement for scrapbooks : \$27.48

Total: \$1177.48

Balance in Denise Inge Memorial Award: \$110.00

Costs of Fall Show:

Entry fees: \$810.00

Expenses of Show: \$ 1100.00