

2018-06-07

The General Meeting of the Watercolor & Graphic Arts Society was called to order at 6:10 pm at the Japanese Garden house by President Clare King. Hunter Cobb 2nd Vice President and Secretary Lynda Touart were also present, along with 14 Members.

Clare read a letter from Jane Shaw thanking us for making her an honorary Member.

The proposed officers for next year are Clare, Hunter, and Lynda remaining, and with Marcy Matherne serving as treasurer and Conroy Hudlow serving as 1st Vice President. Clare asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Gail Bramer moved that we accept the slate, Karen McGahagin seconded, and it passed by a show of hands.

Karen brought up a problem. She said that the meeting times and days were hard to keep up with, needed to be straightened out, and there needed to be a better way of getting the word out. Clare said that it was in the last newsletter and on Facebook, and that we would be sure to send out an email reminder.

Lynda read the minutes. Ainsley moved that we accept the minutes as read, Marcy seconded, and they were accepted.

We returned to a discussion of having a student show as a way to get more young people interested in our Society. There are many aspects of this to be considered. Conroy pointed out that there were already two student shows every year at Mobile Arts Council, and another would probably not raise much interest. Gail said we need to involve the teachers in our Society for input on such a show. Clare suggested that Gail get with Lisa Hancock and other teachers in the Society, and try to come up with a plan. Lisa asked if we would be charging a fee. Karen opined that if we are trying to solicit students, we shouldn't charge. Debbie Hall said that we would need to form a committee.

We then returned to the question of proposing new Members twice a year instead of once. Lynda reminded everyone that this was discussed before, but we were too close to the upcoming show to make a change. We need to be eight weeks out from the show to notify the prospective Members. Gail asked when the next show was to be, and the answer is October, at the Arts Council. We voted to make that change. Lynda consulted a calendar and noted that the first week of August would be the cut-off for proposing. Hunter said that he will get with Lucy Gafford at MAC to get an exact date.

Marcy said she had spoken with the Daphne Art Center about a month ago, and at that time they said that they could hold our Spring 2019 show there in April or May. Conroy moved that we do so if the space is still available, Hunter seconded, and the motion passed.

Marcy gave the Treasurer's report . [attached] Gail asked if dues could be mailed directly to Marcy, who said that they could, and gave her address. She further agreed that it could be added to the minutes:

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Conroy discussed the duties of officers as related to his duties. He said he will be working with Hunter and Clare to find the judges for the shows rather than doing it all on his own.

Clare adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm, "to enjoy sushi, sake, and sandwiches".

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Smith Touart
Secretary, WGAS

Treasurer's Report

June 7, 2018

Balance as of June 7, 2018.....\$3650.47

Credits:

Dues and Entry fees: \$1720.00

Donation for Bruckmann Award: \$500.00

Total: \$2220.00

Expenditures:

Reimbursement of fall show expenses: \$38.20

Judges fee: \$150.00

Best of Show: \$500.00

Best Aqua Media: \$200.00

Best Graphic Arts: \$200.00

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

Honorable Mention Award: \$50.00

Judge's Choice Award: \$50.00

Post Office Box Rental: 82.00

Total: \$1370.20

Balance in Denise Inge Memorial Award: \$10.00

Costs of Spring Show:

Entry fees: \$700.00

Donations for Prizes: \$500.00 Bruckmann Award \$100.00 Denise Inge Memorial Award (member's choice)

Expenses of Show: \$1250.00 before donations \$650.00 after donations

Judge's fee: \$150.00

Best of show: \$500.00 Donated

Best Aqua Medium: \$200.00

Best Graphic: \$200.00

Member's Choice: \$100.00 Donated

Honorable Mention and Judges Choice Awards (50.00 each): \$100.00