

2018-9-15

The general meeting of the WGAS was called to order at 10 AM by President Clare King. All officers were present. 14 Members were present.

Marcy read the Treasurer's report first, as she had to go to the airport. [attached] Lynda asked if there had been any progress on Pay Pal. Marcy said that she was not sure how many members might be interested, and asked for a show of hands. Based on the response, she said that she would check into it, but it would not be in time for the upcoming show.

Conroy announced that Pat Reagan is to be the judge for the upcoming show. The take-in is October 1 from 10am to 1pm. Ben Kaiser asked about the entry fee. It has been \$30 for one piece and \$10 for the second. We decided to continue that.

Clare asked Hunter about the awards, and asked the group who would be willing to check on the ones that we can usually rely on. Marcy said she would check with Southern Art. Karen McGahagin said she would see to AL Art (and also said that they may be closing the store in Mobile). Gail Brammer said that she would check with Ashland.

Conroy said that he would like to eliminate the "Best of Show" category. Martha Ann Rowen suggested that we should change the awards to more awards for a lessor prize amount. Ben Kaiser asked about water-based oils. Would they be allowed as long as they were on paper and presented as our rules specify? Debbie Guy stated that if so, they should be considered graphics, and not watercolor. Clare stated that she would be OK with new media, but we would have to think carefully about how to go about it. No decision was made.

Ben said that we could enter into Arts Field as individuals or as a group. He will let us know about how to handle that. Conroy moved that we look into that, and Gail seconded it.

Lynda mentioned that since it was the 70th anniversary of WGAS, we could add that to the "theme" part of the MAC show.

Martha Anne pointed out that we need more young people. Karen responded that young people could get more young people. Gail said that that could hopefully point us in new directions. Gail suggested that we have sections of our shows that show developments in watercolor and graphics. Clare suggested that we have presentations with Philippe Oszuscik and Ben. Phil said that Ben should be first. The next meeting is in January, so Ben will plan on that, and maybe Phil, too.

Debbie suggested that we should send out that the upcoming show is a members' show. Judged, not juried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Smith Touart
Secretary, WGAS

WGAS Treasurer's Report

Period: June 1 – August 31, 2018

Checkbook Balance

Balance as of June 1, 2018	\$4,240.67
Credits	\$1,100.00
Expenditures	<u>(\$ 805.42)</u>
Balance as of August 31, 2018	\$4,535.25

Credits

Dues:	June --	\$500.00
	July --	\$360.00
	August --	<u>\$240.00</u>
Total:		\$1,100.00

Expenditures

Barbara Rettig – Award	\$200.00
Satomi Kamei – Award	\$100.00
US Postal Service – Annual Box Rental	\$ 82.00
Japanese Foundation – Meeting space rental:	\$100.00 (March and June)
Mobile Arts Council – Annual Membership:	\$50.00
Martha Matherne – Postage and Stamps to mail awards:	\$13.42
Google Services – Automatic bank charge:	\$10.00
Rene Grimes – Award	\$200.00
Ann Pearce – Award	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total	805.42

Outstanding Payables which have not cleared the bank -- \$38.20 for fall show expenses

Other Assets

CD -- \$2,961.70 Due for renewal on 12/19/18 – will renew for 18 months if rates justify

CD – \$2,159.54 Renewed for one year on 8/3/18

We have been filing our taxes as a tax exempt organization under EIN 83-0357953 (We have a letter from the IRS confirming that this is our number) Our bank records, including CD interest, have been reported to EIN 63-0371391. I continue working with the bank to get this rectified. They have been withholding tax from each CD's quarterly earnings and have submitted 1099's in our name under the incorrect #. I am currently awaiting an official letter from Regions Tax Department advising as to required actions to correct this through the IRS.