

SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
Board Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
Reno Artist Co-Op, 627 Mill Street Reno

Call to Order: Ronnie Rector, President, at 9:48 a.m.

In Attendance, Board Members, Committee Members and Members at Large: Ronnie Rector, Jennifer Amrhein, Anita Watson, Anette Rink, Vickie Behrens, Diane Sewell, Judy Berland, Bess Inouye, Marjee Smith, and Sally Dupre.

Minutes from the February 12, 2022, Board Meeting: Vickie Behrens, Secretary

Minutes emailed with the agenda. Anette Rink made a motion to approve; seconded by Sally Dupre. All voted to approve, none opposed.

Treasurer's Report for February: Anette Rink, Treasurer

The February Treasurer's Report was emailed with the agenda. No report available for March. Most transactions were by credit card with only 4 checks processed in February. Jennifer Amrhein made a motion to approve the February Treasurer Report as emailed, seconded by Diane Sewell. All voted to approve, none opposed.

2022 Workshops and Demonstrations: Jennifer Amrhein and Anita Watson, Co-Vice Presidents

- Joseph Cibere, May 18-21, Demo May 21. Nine are registered to date. Although registrations are under the current minimum, the workshop will proceed as planned. Anette offered to assist the Co-Vice Presidents with workshop publicity to all members using Constant Contact for this and future workshops.
- Lori Bishop, Member Artist Workshop, June 24-26, Portraits. Registration opened March 1. Two registrations to date.
- Keiko Tanabe, August 17-19, Demo August 20. Registration opens May 1. Ms. Tanabe is willing to do plein air one morning of the workshop, weather permitting. The Board discussed appropriate locations such as Rancho San Rafael. This item will be discussed further.
- Frank Eber, October 18-21, Demo October 22. Registration opens July 1. Mr. Eber is available to judge the annual October Judged Exhibit. Anita will confirm with Frank Eber.

2023 Workshops

- January, Demo Only, TBD
- Eric Wiegardt, March 21-24, Demo March 25
- Betty Carr - May 10-12, Demo May 13
- Betty Carr is a potential judge for the Judged exhibit in May 2023
- June TBD (Member Artist Month)
- Julie Cohn, August 16-18, Demo August 19
- Sterling Edwards, October 3-6, Demo October 7

Workshop Discussion

The Board discussed:

- Possibilities for future workshop artists: A list of potential artists was passed around at the meeting and will be emailed to the Board for comments/recommendations. Recommendations for local Member Artists for June 2023 was also discussed. This item will be discussed further.
- Eliminate or reduce the minimum enrollment signup: The Board discussed the possibility of reducing the current break-even minimum enrollment of 17 to 10 – 12. Currently SWS has a budget "cushion", so we can run a workshop with fewer participants at this time. It was suggested that the next few workshops enrollments are reviewed to calculate the break-even point and consider adding a slight increase to the cost if necessary.

- Eliminating the 4-day workshops based on suggestions from workshop: This will also keep the workshops affordable. The Board agreed to eliminate 4-day workshops. Two 4-day workshops are scheduled for 2023 (Eric Weigardt & Sterling Edwards). They will be informed that SWS has changed the policy to 3-day workshops beginning January 2023. We can see what their response is for further discussion.
- Review of the 2024 workshop dates: January 13; March 5; May 7; June 21; August 13. The Temple is not available for the most of October 2024. The following dates were suggested as alternatives for October: September, October 29; October 30, November 1. A suggestion was made for early November. This item will be discussed further.
- Facebook Account regarding workshop notices: These are managed by Julene Hunter and notices should be sent to her at this time.
- June 2022 Workshop: The co-vice presidents, Jenny and Anita will not be available to open the Temple on June 25 and 26. A volunteer is required to open the temple on these days. Ronnie suggested contacting Fran Johnson, Hospitality.
- Workshop Evaluations: There were 3 evaluations completed for the last Don Andrews workshop, all were positive. There was a brief discussion of what to do with the completed evaluations. At one time they were given to Nancy Podewils-Baba to collect for grants. It was decided that they should be scanned and kept in the workshop files.

Art Angels: Nancy Podewils-Baba (absent)
Nancy was out-of-town, the following report was emailed:

There was one 2nd grade class of 30 students at Lois Allen elementary in Sun Valley on March 31. Thanks to assistants Vickie Behrens, Graciella Mancini, and Laurel Sweigart. There are seven more classroom visits scheduled this spring.

For the Art Angels Workshop on May 7, there are currently 6 (possibly 7) instructors and 9 helpers. 16 students have registered to date. Flyers were distributed to teachers and the Boys & Girls Club. Nancy will continue to send out a notices and post on Facebook on April 19. If we do not have at least 25 by May 1, we may have to cancel.

2022 Exhibits: Marjee Smith/Ronnie Rector

- Artown Exhibit, Wilbur D. May Museum, "Art Matters." Take-in Tuesday, July 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Take-down, Wednesday, August 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Co-chairs are Gail Kramer and Nancy Podewils-Baba. In addition to complying with SWS Standing Rules, the following apply: up to two framed and 4 bin art of any age in good condition; paintings may not have been entered in more than 1 previous show; 12 x 16 minimum size; maximum size is full-sheet; no more than one full-sized sheet painting, \$10 entry fee; and registration must be completed on-line.
- Fall Judged Exhibit, Sparks Heritage Museum, "In the Limelight," Judge: Frank Eber, Take-in October 16; Take-down November 30. Co-chairs so far are Judy Welch and Michelle Hall: we would like to get a couple more volunteers for this exhibit.

***Note: Anette Rink will not be in town on the take-in date and will be unable to make the labels unless registration closes early.*

- Winter Exhibit, "A Time to Celebrate," November 9 through December 11, Wilbur D. May Museum, Take-in November 9; Take-down December 14. Co-Chairs Sandi Sailing and Carolyn Runnels.

Challenges: Judy Berland

May 21 Challenge: "Signs". Signs and murals are all over the world. Old English pub signs or design your own sign or mural to welcome us to your hometown or to a restaurant or a retail store, etc. An email will be sent to all members to clarify the requirements for this challenge.

August 20 Challenge: "Piece of the Pie". A Close up of an object that belongs to a bigger picture. Such as a painting of KEYS as part of the lock, the LOCK as part of a door, etc. Or the subject can be attached to nature, such as CLOUDS as part of the sky; flower petals, leaves or stems as part of the flower or plant, etc.

The Board voted to increase the prizes for challenges: 1st Place - \$30; 2nd Place - \$20; 3rd place - \$10.

Other Discussions/Announcements:

Member Donna Chouteau passed away last October from COVID. Member Vicki Curwen met recently with a friend of Donna's, to retrieve her painting supplies such as paints, paper, brushes, mat boards, frames. These will be at the May General meeting and offered for sale/donations to Art Angels. We will not be putting prices on any of the items, just asking for a sincere donation to SWS. Anette Rink will be there to take donations. Ronnie and Anette will take care of what is left over.

Board Meeting Calendar, 2022: Location: Reno Artist Co-op, 9:30 to 11 a.m.
July 9, September 10, November 12

General Meeting Calendar: Location: Temple Sinai 10:30 a.m.
May 21, August 20, October 22, December 3 (Holiday Party)

Motion to Adjourn:

Anita Watson made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:52 a.m. seconded by Ronnie Rector.

Respectfully Submitted by: Vickie Behrens

Approved: July 9, 2022