

WASH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2018

5 p.m.

in SFAC Gallery 3

The meeting was called to order by Gail Jones when a quorum was present at 5:05 p.m.

Attendance

Present:

1. Gail Jones, Co-President
2. Arleen Schaller, Membership Chair
3. Rebecca Jagers, SFAC Liaison
4. Sandie Nelson, Scholarship Chair
5. Trina Drotar, Show Committee Chair
6. Pam Lowney, Treasurer
7. Sue Davis, Workshop Chair
8. Thomas Adams, Newsletter Chair
9. Helen Lewis, Secretary
10. Ralph Wilson, Interim Program Committee Member

Absent:

1. Jo Kopp, Co- President
2. Kari Bauer, Workshop Co-Chair
3. Diane Tharpe, Interim Program Committee Member

Minutes

There was a misspelling on the name "Wedick" under the section on Board Show in the May minutes. It was corrected after verifying with Arlene Schaller. Then Sue Davis moved to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Arleen Schaller. The motion was unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report

Pamela Lowney, Treasurer, said that the discrepancy on the March report was due to a double entry made on a credit card item. It has been corrected. The report for the month of May showed a balanced record. Since there will be no meeting for the month of July, Pam prepared a tentative June Financial report to include the recurring/scheduled expenses.

Gail Jones will be working along Pam Lowney to review the books. The Treasurer's report will be retroactively revised accordingly to the results of their review.

Liaison Report

Rebecca Jagers reported as follows:

1. NCA will present watercolorist Michael Dunlavey at their June 13 meeting at 7 pm.
2. Fundraising Committee: Patty Larsen will no longer chair the fundraising committee, Peggy Columbo will take over. Discussion took place about fundraising ideas and the exploration of means for Ars Gratia to expand beyond its current market. Other fundraising plans such as a dancing on the deck hosted by Mary Hargrave for \$50 (Mary has a spectacular house and deck) were also discussed.

3. SFAC is looking for someone to take over Art for Families program as Julie is working more with the teen program now.
4. Angelia has scheduled time off for her wedding June 21-23 and August 27-September 4 for the honeymoon. Cheri Awalt, will fill in for her and will also be at the Center additional hours including Sundays and several slots during the AWS show.
5. Jani King is the new cleaning service, working on Tuesdays and Fridays after 9 pm.
6. Volunteer hours for May: 71 volunteers and 299 hours. It is important for the art center to show as many volunteer hours logged as possible, it is a basis for grants and other reporting. Members are advised to round up their time and include work done at home, transportation to and from the center and anything else connected to art center activities. *

* It appeared during Rebecca's reporting that a number of the WASH Board members have not been signing in their hours attending Board meetings at the center. Members were then advised to make sure their volunteered hours are properly accounted for.
7. Shows: In the Style of the Old Masters deadline date for entering is July 7. Cheri Awalt is show chair and is looking for help. Carol Brewer is show chair for Magnum Opus exhibit with Steve Memering judging.
8. Twitter: David Peterson is looking for a person interested in taking on the twitter account for the center.
9. Extensive discussion of show chairs. Show chairs will be approved at project proposal. There was a suggestion that efforts be made to recruit new members into these positions sooner. SFAC has to make a recruiting effort separately from clubs and not wait until talent is heavily committed to the clubs before making contact.

New Business

Increase of fees for show judges

Considering the logistics of judging online entries, and following a preliminary discussion last month, the Board had a discussion for the second time on increasing the fees for show judges. The Board agreed with the Show Committees suggestion that the Open Show judges should be eligible for a larger fee. The Show Committee will take that advise and apply it to their budget as appropriate.

Entertainment

Pamela Lowney brought up "Marshall and the Moondogs", a local three-piece Americana band, as a potential entertainment for the next WASH show. She also brought some CDs by the group unfortunately the Board did not have the time and equipment to listen to their music during the meeting. Helen Lewis suggested that members of the Board take the time to visit their website <https://reverbNation.com/marshallandthemoondogs> and listen to the group's music.

Old Business

Honorary Life Membership Policy (Arleen and Jo) Second hearing

A draft of the Honorary Life Membership Policy as crafted by Jo Kopp and Arleen Schaller was presented to the Board. Trina Drotar moved that this new Honorary Life Membership Policy be added as a new

section in the WASH Policy and Procedures Manual. The motion was seconded by Pamela Lowney and was unanimously carried.

WASH Board Show

Pamela Lowney reminded the members of the Board that receiving entries for the show will take place from June 24-29, 2018. And for those who have not RSVP'd to do it soon and not wait till the last minute so that the labels can be printed in time. She also showed a tentative design for the labels which included a picture of a wash board. To make the humor real, Sue Davis volunteered to bring an actual wash board to use as a decorative piece during the show.

Instagram

This item has been tabled and to be revisited when a Facebook/Instagram admin is identified.

Nominations Committee (Helen)

The following elected positions will need to be filled for 2019:

1. President
2. Treasurer
3. Show Chair and Show Committee
4. SFAC Liason
5. Workshop Committee

The following appointed positions will need to be addressed also:

1. Facebook/Instagram Admin
2. Webmaster

Nancy Wedick and Charlotte Richmond will help Helen Lewis in the Nomination Committee. Currently, Barbara Schneider is working with Gail Jones as Webmaster, but may not continue; Diane Tharp and Ralph Wilson are working as interim Program Committee members but there are no guarantees that they will continue to work beyond this year. Sue Davis, incumbent Workshop Co-Chair, said that she is willing to work with another volunteer on the committee and run the workshops that are already scheduled for 2019 if necessary. However, she will not sign up to be involved in setting up the workshop contracts for 2020. Sue's commitment to making a smooth transition was highly appreciated.

Outreach to other art groups follow-up (Schedule trip to California Watercolor Society-9/19, 6pm)

According to Gail Jones, Jo Kopp has scheduled a meeting with the California Water Color Society on September 19, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Gail will send out information later as the meeting date approaches. Sue Davis said that the meeting could include sharing of experiences regarding artists and judges. There were several Board members who indicated interest in joining Jo Kopp and Gail Jones in the said meeting.

Publicity for Michael Holter workshop

The AWS brochure was shown to the Board again highlighting the WASH ad on Michael Holter. As it was done last month, the PowerPoint ad was set to be streaming before general meeting started while the members were in the room.

Special Raffle for Kindle

Gail Jones suggested that we take some time to advertise the sale of raffle tickets for the Kindle in order to make the most of it. Tickets will be sold during the September and October meetings at \$5.00/ticket. It was also mentioned that a ticket-holder can win in absentia. Our regular sales of raffle tickets will also be available at the September and October meetings.

Consider changing week of regular meetings 2nd discussion

During the discussion, it was made clear that the *week of the month* not the *day of the week* that is the issue. Regardless of what will be decided on, WASH meetings will continue to take place on Mondays. Although it was preliminary, the Board agreed that the 3rd week of the month would be preferable so that if SFAC brings up the matter again, the SFAC Liaison could suggest that as an option in 2021. It was also agreed that the Board needs to bring this topic to bring the matter to the entire membership before moving forward. It was then suggested by Sue Davis that this item be brought to the general meeting at the November Interactive Session. The Board was generally in favor of the idea of moving the meeting to the third Monday as it removes a conflict with another organizational meeting and may allow us to recruit more members for our board. It was noted that at this point the earliest we could make a change in our meeting date would be 2021 because of the need to gather feedback from our membership and the existing contracts for demonstrators and workshops.

Revision of Expenditure Reimbursement Form

This item is tabled till the September Meeting.

Reports

Membership

Arleen Schaller reported a total membership of 142 as of June 11, 2018.

Newsletter

Thomas Adams informed the Board that the July-August Issue just came out. The deadline for articles for the September-October Issue is August 3, 2018.

Program

There was no official report made. Gail provided a list of the current dates for 2018 and 2019 for both demonstrators and workshops. There are two openings for demonstrators that Diane Tharpe is working on.

Workshops

There was no official report made but the schedule for 2018 workshops are all included in the WASH Bulletin and/or website. Kari will be putting together descriptions of the 2019 workshops for the web site.

Show Committee

Trina Drotar informed the Board of the deadline for entries for the next show is July 6, 2018. She also invited everyone to come to the center to help our members photograph and enter their art entries on June 26, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Scholarship-Sandie

No official report was made this time.

Webmaster-Gail

Gail Jones is going to try to move our web site from its current platform (Dreamweaver) to a new platform – WordPress.

Graphics Subcommittee (WASH Logo)

Gail showed the Board the most recent version of the logo but there was no official action made.

AWS

At the time of this meeting, the American Watercolor Society Show here in California at the SFAC was on its second week.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Submitted by: Helen Lewis, Secretary.