

Estero Art League
Board of Directors Meeting
January 22, 2024

President David Morrison called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. In attendance were President, David Morrison, Treasurer, Sue Hensler, Assistant Treasurer, Millie Morrison, and Secretary, Jacqueline Marth. Those present represented a quorum.

The following matters were discussed:

Financial Report: Sue Hensler reported that we have \$15,074.11 in the checking account after paying Jan Ellen Atkielski for her workshop. We also have a \$30,000 CD collecting interest at a rate of 5.5% for 12 months. The CD matures in February and we can roll over for the same rate or go to a six- month CD for the same rate. David recommends going to a six month CD and seeing what the options are at that time.

David prepared a Profit and Loss Spreadsheet which covers our Assets, Operating Assets, Fixed Liabilities, and Optional Liabilities. Due to the fact that we have sufficient funds in our operating budget, we have spent or we are considering spending monies in some other areas such as scholarship, luncheons, awards, supplies for classes. As of now we have spent some money on supplies for classes as an enticement for new painters who may not have the supplies needed to take a class. We have also funded two luncheons and plan another in March. We have not yet decided whether to offer a scholarship this year.

Bylaw Changes: Change the number of required Board Members from six to five. This can be changed by a simple vote at the Annual Meeting.

Library Show: Receiving for the annual show at the library will be on Friday, March 1, and take down on Friday, March 22. Those on the Library Show Committee are Cherie Mulcahy, Steve Karpowich, Jackie Marth.

Committees: The viable committees at this time are; Social Committee, Shows, and Internal Competitions. The Board reviewed a written proposal for three contests submitted by the Internal Competitions Committee. The Board made some changes to the proposal. It was decided that two contests would be better for this season, beginning with the show at the library in March and another at the COCO Gallery show in April. The Board will select the judges who will not be members of the art league and they will be paid with gift cards. Each competition should have a theme. Entries must be original and can be any medium including collage and have been completed within the last 18 months. Prizes will include ribbons and cash awards. Requirements and details will be worked out by the committee and the Board.

Election: Cherie Mulcahy is unable to continue as Vice President of the Estero Art League. We need to find a replacement for that position. President, David Morrison has a person in mind he will approach to see if she has interest in serving on the Board.

Old Business:

The pursuit of a permanent place for the art league to call home, continues. David met with Village of Estero Selectman, George Zalucki recently in regard to a possible location that has an empty large old building. It is located off of Corkscrew Road going west. The building has heating and air conditioning.

There has been much interest and discussion about holding critiques at Open Paint. It was decided that we will do this at the Monday morning Open Paint each week at 11:00. Artists may bring one painting each week for critique.

New Business:

A vote will be taken at the Annual Meeting to determine whether or not members have an interest in a summer display of paintings in the library meeting room. If so, a volunteer would be needed to get this organized.

Talk to Karen Thompson to see if she is still willing to organize classes and help with shows.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 10:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Marth