

Board of Directors Meeting

February 13, 2023

President David Morrison opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

In attendance were David Morrison, President, Cherie Mulcahy, Vice President, Sue Hensler, Treasurer, Millie Morrison, Assistant Treasurer, Jackie Marth, Secretary, Karen Thompson, Classes Chairman. Those Board Members present represented a quorum.

The following matters were discussed:

March Library Exhibit:

Receiving for the Library Exhibit is Friday, March 3, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Cherie Mulcahy and Bonnie Delp have volunteered to assist in receiving. David will contact Jean O’Sullivan to see if she will also help in receiving. David Morrison, and two helpers will pick up the racks at the rec center and set them up at the library from 10:30 to 11:30. Hanging the paintings will be from 11:30 to 12:30. Millie Morrison, Jackie Marth, and Sue Hensler have volunteered to help with the hanging. Pick up day for the exhibit is Friday, March 24. Thus far there have been 18 artists sign up on line for the exhibit. Artists should bring two paintings to exhibit with two others in the car as extras in case there is more space for hanging. Large paintings may be counted as two. David will be posting the size criteria and other information on- line. All paintings should have D-rings with taped wire on the back. Exhibitor information cards should be on the front and the back. We are not allowed to put prices on the paintings this year. There will be a sign telling people to contact the artist if they are interested in a painting. There will be a glass display case available for small paintings no taller than 6”. Cherie will use this also a preview of some art classes/demos that the art league will be sponsoring at the library.

Up-coming classes:

Michael Domina’s March abstract classes have been cancelled due to lack of student sign-up. It was decided that Michael would be asked to do a Critique and Help Workshop on March 16 & 23. Sue Hensler will offer a Watercolor on Masa Paper on March 9, and a Watercolor on Yupo paper on March 30. Information and sign-up will be online.

Sue Hensler proposed that we have a special painting day for the membership where we set up a still life to paint. Artists could use any medium and we could possibly have a critique afterwards. Good idea!

It is time for the Board to start looking into teachers for next year. It was suggested that we diversify a little and come up with some new class ideas and instructors. Shirley Blake and Karen Dunderdale were two artists recommended.

COCO Gallery Exhibit:

The Estero Art League will be exhibiting at COCO Gallery as the featured art organization for the month of April. Receiving will be on Wednesday, April 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Two volunteers will be needed to help with receiving. Hanging the paintings will be from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30. Three volunteers are needed for hanging.

There will be a reception Wednesday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It is very important that all artists participating in the exhibit bring something to eat as well as publicizing the exhibit.

Call for Board of Director positions:

Two Board of Director positions are up for election this year. A call will go out to the membership for volunteers to fill these positions.

Library/EAL Joint Programs:

Cherie Mulcahy and Sue Hensler have scheduled the first joint program with the library for May 2. The program will be painting and constructing a small origami style box with a lid. Some supplies will be provided by the library. The project will use 90lb. watercolor paper. There will be a practice run-through at the rec center on Thursday, April 10 with Karen Thompson.

Financial Report:

Treasurer, Sue Hensler reported that we have put \$30,000 in a twelve- month CD at a rate of 4.5%. She also reported that we have a bank balance of \$12,705.29. We have an expected expenditure to Michael Domina of \$1,200 for classes.

Annual Meeting/Luncheon:

The Annual Meeting and Luncheon will be held on Monday, March 13, 2023. This year it will be held at the Rec Center and hopefully next year we will be able to hold it at Country Creek. Jackie Marth and Cherie Mulcahy have volunteered to organize the luncheon and purchase the food. A St. Patrick's theme was decided upon for table décor. We will be ordering sub sandwiches, wraps, and salads, from Publix. David Morrison will take care of providing the drinks.

Permanent Facility for Estero Art League:

In an ongoing effort to work with the Village of Estero to establish a permanent location for the Estero Art League, it had been suggested that we form a committee to work with Village leaders. David Morrison recommended that we table this for now. Cherie Mulcahy suggested that we work on having a larger social media presence on Facebook and Instagram. The question is "who would do this and for what benefit?" We would need to hire an outside source to set up and maintain. Cherie will look into the possibility of a Social Media intern from FGCU, if the college has a program of this nature. The Estero Forever Foundation is another avenue to pursue. David will do some research on the Estero Foundation.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Marth