

Estero Art League Annual Meeting

March 11, 2024

Minutes

President David Morrison opened the Meeting at 11:25 a.m. and welcomed the 38 members present. Those in attendance did not constitute a quorum as we presently have 81 registered members.

The following matters were discussed:

Financial Report: Total assets as of 3/6/24 are \$47,060.73. This figure is due in large part to an original donation years ago that has been invested over the years and now is invested in a 13- month CD at a rate of five percent. The value of the CD is \$31,350. Our Operating Assets excluding the CD are \$17,060.73. Our Fixed Liabilities are \$1,919.50 and our Optional Liabilities are \$3,200. At present the dues from fifty-five members covers the Total Fixed Liabilities for the year. As a 501(c) designated organization we can only spend money on the club or give to another public charity.

By-Law Change: In our By-Laws is a provision for six (6) members on the Board of Directors. We are proposing a change to the By-Laws eliminating the position of Corresponding Secretary. This would give us five (5) Board Members which is a better number when voting. Due to the fact that we need a two- thirds vote in favor of the change or fifty-four members, we will be unable to vote at this meeting. An electronic vote will be taken. Emails will be sent to all members with instructions on voting for this change.

Election of Officers: Vice President, Cherie Mulcahy has stepped down from her position due to health considerations. At present, no one has been found to fill this position. The terms of Treasurer and Secretary are up this year. A call went out to the membership for volunteers to fill these positions. As no one stepped forward, Sue Hensler, Treasurer, and Jacqueline Marth, Secretary, agreed to stay on for another year.

Committees:

Library Show: The Shows and Events Committee with some help from volunteers did a wonderful job with the receiving and hanging of the Library Show. It looks beautiful!

Social Committee: Thanks goes out to the Social Committee for organizing the Welcome Back Luncheon and the Annual Meeting Luncheon.

Shows and Events Committee: The Special Exhibit at the COCO Gallery is planned for April 2 through April 24. The committee will be handling the receiving and hanging of this exhibit.

Scholarships: At present there is no scholarship committee and we are not giving a scholarship this year. We would like to form a committee to work on defining a new scholarship program.

Sunshine Committee: Heidi Bates and Gloria Holman organized a card painting Open Paint Day last month. Everyone painted cards and we now have enough for this year and next to give out at retirement homes. Some of these beautiful cards are on display at the Library Show. Heidi suggested that a few of us volunteer to go to the retirement homes and help people write out cards. This would be a wonderful community outreach program.

Critiques: Critiques will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Mondays at Open Paint.

Internal Competitions: Two competitions are being held this year. The first was the Library Exhibit. This competition has been judged and winners will be announced later in the meeting. The next competition is the COCO Gallery Special Exhibit in April.

COCO Gallery changes/Art Council: There have been some changes made recently in the management of COCO Gallery. Richard Fuchs resigned his volunteer position as Treasurer. Judy Fuchs was forced out of her position as Director. There has been quite a bit of controversy over these events. Judy and Richard have spent countless hours as volunteers, managing the COCO Gallery since it opened, with the help of the "gallery team". The gallery has done quite well. Nancy Burke, ACSWF President is currently managing the gallery.

Our interest in the gallery is exhibiting. If you are a member of more than one member league, you must decide which league you belong to will receive the commission percentage.

ACSWF Election of officers is coming up this month. Lisa Batch, our representative to the Art Council, informed us of the positions up for election. The positions of President and Treasurer are unopposed. The position of Recording Secretary has two nominees. They are Pam Conrad, who is the current Recording Secretary, and Jacqui Paull. The Board will vote and give the results to Lisa who will vote at the ACWSF Meeting.

COCO Gallery Exhibit: Receiving for the exhibit is Tuesday, April 2 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. At present there are 31 members signed up and space will be more limited than last year. Registering will be online and members may register two small paintings or one large painting. Paintings may be no larger than 36" x36". When registering, artists should list their first choice as number one in the event we are not able to hang all paintings received. Paintings that have glass must have d-rings on the back. Non glass may use screw eyes. All wire endings must be taped. Labels will be provided. Those who are already registered at the gallery will not need to provide waivers and 1099 tax forms. Everyone else must provide these at receiving plus a filled inventory sheet. Pick-up of paintings is on April 24 from 10:00 to 11:00. Commission received by artists at the gallery is thirty percent.

There will be a Small Works category. The largest size in this category will be 8" x 10" including frame. These smaller paintings will be displayed on a rounder with shelves. The smallest paintings will be displayed on the top shelves and the lowest shelf reserved for the larger ones. All small paintings must have an easel or stand.

Library Exhibit: Pick-up for the library show will be on Friday, March 22. Instructions for pick-up will be emailed to members.

The Library Exhibit competition was judged by Anica Sturdivant, Assistant Curator, Graphic Designer, Video Producer. She is a member of the FGCU Alumni Outreach Council. The winners of the competition were Cherie Mulcahy, first place. Priscilla Kieltyka, second place. Bonnie Delp, third place. The winners received ribbons for their paintings and the congratulations of the art league.

Estero Art League Permanent Space: We are on hold at the moment in regard to a property we were going to look at on Corkscrew Road as there is an eagle nesting at that location right now. It is unknown when we may be able to visit this property.

Open Discussion:

A member asked if the names and emails of the committee members could be posted. The Board would need to get permission from those involved before they could be posted.

Ailene Menard wanted to say "Thank You" to the members for being so friendly and helpful during the time she has been a member. She will be selling her home in Florida and spending more time at her home in Canada.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Marth, Secretary