

Estero Art League  
Board of Directors Meeting, March 11, 2024  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by President David Morrison.

In attendance were President, David Morrison, Treasurer, Sue Hensler, Assistant Treasurer, Millie Morrison, Secretary Jacqueline Marth, Art Council of Southwest Florida Representative, Lisa Batch. Those Board members present constituted a quorum.

The following items were discussed:

**Financial Report:** As of 3/6/24 we have total assets of \$47,060.73. This includes Truist Checking Account, Bank of America Checking Account, Savings Account, CD at BMO Harris. Our Operating Assets are \$17,060.73 minus Michael Domina's fee, leaving us a total of \$15,560.73. Our Total Fixed Liabilities total \$1,919.50. This includes Recreation Center rent, web site domain registration, annual dues to ACSWF, annual report fee to state of Florida, and insurance required by Recreation Center. Our Optional Liabilities total \$3,200. This includes Scholarships, music at COCO Gallery Special Exhibit reception, Annual Meeting luncheon, competition awards, supplies for classes, Welcome Back luncheon, and miscellaneous supplies. Operating Assets minus Total Fixed Liabilities is \$13,641.23. Operating Assets minus Total Fixed Liabilities and Total Optional Liabilities is \$10,441.23.

At present the dues from fifty-five members covers the Total Fixed Liabilities for the year. Our membership count is currently eighty-one.

As soon as all checks have cleared Truist Bank, the remainder funds will be transferred to Bank of America.

The CD we have at BMO Harris has been rolled over into a thirteen- month CD at just over five percent.

Due to the positive feedback regarding a musician at the recent COCA Gallery reception, we will be adding a musician fee to our fixed liabilities in the future. David has already hired a musician for our April Special Exhibit at COCO Gallery.

Expenditure for class supplies may be less next year as we will be able to reuse some of the supplies purchased this past year.

We need to contact Nancy Burke to see if the Gallery will be available for use during the summer for Open Paint. The fee has been fifty dollars a month which has been paid by the members who paint there.

**COCO Gallery Special Exhibit:** At present we have thirty-one artists who have signed up for the Special Exhibit in April. Due to the fact that we only have a specified amount of space for hanging, artists will be limited to two smaller paintings or one large painting. No painting may be larger than 36" x 36" including frame. When registering for the exhibit artists will be asked to list their primary painting first on the form. Paintings that have been in a previous Special Exhibit may not be entered into this exhibit.

In addition to entering larger paintings, artists may also enter paintings in the Small Works category. These will be exhibited on a round display shelf. Paintings may be no larger than 8" x 10" including frame. The larger of the Small Works paintings will be exhibited on the lowest shelf, with the smaller paintings on the upper

shelves. All Small Works paintings must be self-supporting with an easel or stand. Artists are limited to entering three paintings in Small Works.

Registration and guidelines for the Special Exhibit will be on-line. Labels will be printed by David prior to exhibit. Receiving for the exhibit will be on Tuesday, April 2, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Takedown of the exhibit will be on April 24, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Artists who regularly exhibit at the gallery and also belong to another organization that also exhibits at the gallery, should make sure that when exhibiting with the Estero Art League in the Special Exhibit, it is known that the club commission should go to Estero Art League if one of their paintings is sold.

Persons hanging this exhibit will be Steven Karpowich, Cherie Mulcahy, Karen Thompson, Sue Hensler, and Jackie Marth.

**Library/EAL joint programs:** We are not planning any joint programs with the library at this time. With short notice limitations and other restrictions, it has become increasingly more difficult to book a program.

**Engagement of Florida Gulf Coast University:** The Board feels the possibility of presenting some special programs in conjunction with art students or faculty at FGCU is an idea worth pursuing. Further discussion will be held on this topic.

**Village of Estero discussion of permanent location for EAL:** The property we were going to look at on Corkscrew Road is not available at this time due to an eagle nesting at that site. Until further notice, we will not be able to look at the building there. There are no other suitable properties we are aware of right now. The search goes on!

**Old Business:** The Board made the decision to not give a scholarship this year to an Estero High School student. A committee will be formed to look into defining a new scholarship program.

**New Business:**

**Classes:** Watercolor artist Christine Reichow will be submitting a proposal for teaching in 2025. Rebecca Christopher, who has been asked to teach, would be interested in doing a demo rather than teaching a class. A suggestion was made that we introduce more variety into our teaching programs by including demos sponsored by the art league. We need to strike a balance between Open Paint and classes/demos.

**Art Council of Southwest Florida:** Lisa Batch, our delegate to ACSWF, informed us that a decision must be made as to who we want to vote for in the upcoming election for Board of Directors. The position of Recording Secretary has two nominees, Pam Conrad and Jacqui Paull. Pam Conrad is the present Recording Secretary and the consensus is that she is doing a very good job. Lisa will present the names at the Annual Meeting today. The Board will make a decision following the Annual Meeting.

**Digital Art:** The Board discussed allowing digital art pieces in our league competitions. A vote was taken and it was unanimously decided that we would not allow digital art in league competitions.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Marth, Secretary

