

Estero Art League

Annual Meeting

March 21, 2022

President David Morrison opened the meeting at 11:10 a.m. He welcomed the twenty- eight members who were present.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Hensler, Treasurer, reported that we have \$40,688 in our bank account. This includes a CD that was closed last year.

An online payment system is being set up for payment of next year's membership fees and class registration. Members will be able to choose PayPal or credit card. Our membership fee will be \$35.00 if paid by December 31, 2022. After that date the membership fee will be \$40.00.

Name tags are available through a local company. They are \$15.00. There is a sign-up sheet if you need a name tag.

Board of Directors: Millie Morrison has volunteered to act as Assistant Treasurer. There are no other changes to the Board.

COCO Gallery Exhibit: Receiving for the exhibit is Wednesday, April 6 from 10:00 – 11:00a.m. Please be prompt. Each artist may bring 3 paintings and have 2 more available if needed. Artists must bring inventory sheets, labels, waiver, and a 1099 tax form. Those who are registered at the gallery already will have the waiver and tax form on file. If you need help with the procedure of registering, see Dave. Paintings should be prepared to gallery standards which include using D-rings on the back for hanging, although screw eyes are acceptable for this exhibit. Artists are responsible for hanging their paintings. There will be people there to help with this.

Library Exhibit: Pick-up for the library exhibit is Friday, March 25 at 9:00-10:00 a.m. Please be prompt.

Karen Thompson asked for two or three volunteers to help her with the dividers.

Three paintings have been sold so far during this exhibit.

Concept of our own space and gallery: A show of hands indicated that a majority of the membership would be interested in the idea of having our own facility to use for painting, classes, and exhibiting our work. Dave Morrison pointed out that many municipalities around us sponsor a space for use by their art leagues. Cherie Mulcahy presented information on what has been looked into thus far and what we may need to do in the future in regard to funding for such a project. Barbara Sykes has volunteered to help Cherie with research.

Heidi Bates, a longtime member of the Estero Art League gave a brief history of the art league and of how hard some of the early members worked to get Lee County to include the art room as a part of the Community Center plan. We use the room now twice weekly at a very low rent per month.

Some members felt that one of the advantages of the Estero Art League is that the membership fee is low, it's a smaller group, we are able to have open paint time at no extra charge, plus we offer classes during the year. In addition, our members are able to exhibit their work at COCO Gallery because the art league is a member of Art Council of Southwest Florida. Some members join the art league for that reason alone.

Dave stressed that an important question is whether or not there are alternatives to what we have at this time.

Open Discussion: It was suggested that we ask for more tables for the patio area. This would allow more people to paint on the patio.

There are no longer children's groups coming in at 3:00 on Mondays and Thursdays. This means our open painting sessions and classes can go on later into the afternoon.

There will be a luncheon directly following the meeting. Dave thanked those who helped in preparing the luncheon.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Marth, Secretary