

Estero Art League

Annual Meeting

Monday, March 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 by President, David Morrison. Board members present were: Vice President, Cherie Mulcahy, Treasurer, Jim Sheehy, Assistant Treasurer, Barbara Cavallaro, and Recording Secretary, Jackie Marth.

President, David Morrison reminded the members present that as we are an organization designated 501C3, we have certain procedures we must follow for our Annual Meeting.

Previous Annual Meeting Minutes: Due to the pandemic, we had to cancel our Annual Meeting last March. Therefore we have no Minutes from 2020 to read for approval.

Financial: Treasurer Jim Sheehy reported that we currently have \$3,478.17 in our checking account at BB&T. Included in that amount is \$281.43 from art sales at COCO Gallery. We also have a CD in the amount of \$31,781. This amount is from donations made years ago when the art league began, and the interest accrued over the years.

Jim reported that our financial status is not as good as it was last year due to the pandemic. Our membership numbers are down by about half and we haven't held as many classes and workshops as usual. The classes we offer are a major draw for membership. Most of our Canadian members were unable to be here this year. All of this means less money in the Treasury to use for operating funds. We still have to pay rent and insurance for the year. Our rent is currently paid through May. The question of raising our dues for next year was raised. At present we will continue with no change in fees.

Change in Board:

Syd Schofield resigned his position of President at the Board Meeting held on March 8, 2021. The Board unanimously chose David Morrison to replace Syd by making David a Board member and then nominating him for the position of President.

The membership presented Syd with a "Thank You" card and a promise of a luncheon in the Fall when things are hopefully back to normal. Syd thanked the membership and spoke briefly about his five-year term as President of the art league. He was especially proud of the fact that during his time in office our membership increased to just over one hundred artists last year. Syd also mentioned the possibility of meeting for open painting this summer at the COCO Gallery. We would need to get permission to do this. There could possibly be a charge of \$10 per person to cover the \$50 per month gallery charge.

Jim Sheehy announced that he hopes to resign as Treasurer by the end of Spring. He appealed to the membership for a volunteer to take over his position. All records are current and computerized on the Excel program. Barbara Cavallaro has agreed to remain as Assistant Treasurer.

Summer Exhibit Opportunities:

Vice President, Cherie Mulcahy introduced us to an opportunity to exhibit this summer at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs. Receiving is on April 13 and the exhibit runs through the summer. Sales will be

handled through the artist and buyer. Contact for information is: Barbara Wischimeier, 239 992-3233 ext. 243. Cherie has forms for anyone interested.

The Estero Art League will be having an exhibit at COCO Gallery from May 11 to May 25. There is a sign-up sheet and forms on the website. Information regarding this exhibit will be e-mailed to members. COCO Gallery requires signing a waiver and a W-9 form. COCO Gallery gets a thirty percent commission from each piece of artwork sold through the gallery. Estero Art League gets a percentage of that commission on artwork by league members.

Open Forum:

Barbara Cavallaro requested that we consider offering some new and different classes next season. She recommended looking at some of the artists that exhibit at COCO Gallery. We do have limited teaching slots during the season, but we could possibly look at having some classes in the Fall.

Renee Handel asked if we had a sign-up sheet for painting at the gallery this summer. We should know by Monday if we will be able to paint there. If it works out, there will be a sign-up sheet on the website.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, Barbara Cavallaro moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Cherie Mulcahy. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Marth, Recording Secretary