Estero Art League

Annual Meeting

Monday, March 16, 2026

Minutes

President David Morrison opened the meeting at 11:20 a.m. He welcomed those present and thanked them for attending.

Raffle: David thanked Nancy Colgan for the lovely floral centerpiece she created for the luncheon table. The centerpiece will be raffled off at the luncheon that directly follows the meeting.

Brochure: David explained when he ordered our new brochures, that due to a glitch, he was sent tiny little ones which are completely unreadable. He reordered and now we have regular size brochures ready to hand out. The little ones are available to anyone who wants them.

Financial:

- Bank balance is $18,177.66. CD Balance is $33,800.87.
- Fixed expenses this year covered rent, website, insurance, domain registration, art council fee, and state registration. Other expenses included the Fine Mark Bank exhibit, Welcome Back Pizza party, and our Annual Meeting Luncheon.
- Our income is derived from membership fees (84 members), and COCO Gallery sales percentage. This year Estero Art League artists were the top sellers in February.

Election of Officers: The positions of Treasurer and Secretary were up for election this year. An appeal was made to the membership to fill these positions. As there were no volunteers that stepped forward, Sue Hensler and Jacqueline Marth have agreed to stay on as Treasurer and Secretary for another year.

Technology Committee:

- David Morrison has in his time as President, set up a website for the art league that allows members to pay their yearly dues, register and pay for classes, register for art exhibits, and be informed of current art league news, events and classes.
- In order that the website be continued, David is setting up a transition committee to consist of members familiar with this technology. Evelyn John and Gwen Westlake have stepped up to work on this committee. A call has gone out to members with experience in this technology to join this committee. Back up is much needed.

David Morrison's Role as President:

- David Morrison will be stepping down as President as of July of this year. Our thanks go out to David for all the time and effort he has spent in the setting up of the website and in his leadership of the art league. He will continue to assist the league as needed.
- Due to the fact that a website has been set up and is currently operating and a technology committee has been formed to operate the website and monitor payments, the position of President has become

easier. A volunteer to take over that position is needed to continue the successful operation of the art league.

Three Oaks Library Exhibit:

- The Southwest Regional Library on Three Oaks Pkwy., has asked us back to exhibit in February of 2027.
- In order to exhibit there, we would need to buy new display panels as our old panels have disappeared.
- The library would have to be able to store these panels. This will be looked into.

Fine Mark Exhibit next March: Depends on whether or not we will be exhibiting at the library. There is also some question of the value of another exhibit at Fine Mark.

COCO Gallery Exhibit:

- Receiving will be on Monday, April 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The reception will be on Wednesday, April 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take down will be on May 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Artists may remove their works no earlier than April 26.
- Volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up for the reception.
- Participating members must either bring an appetizer or dessert or donate $15 toward the food.
- No small works will be accepted this year.
- Volunteers are needed for hanging.
- This will be the last year for our FGCU harpist.
- Next year we will not be able to exhibit in April due to other organizations wishing to do Special Exhibits. We will try for January or February.

Fine Mark Take Down: Pick- up is Thursday, March 26. Instruction for pick-up to follow.

Class Registration Problem:

- There has been a problem with members registering for classes, not paying, and then dropping out at the very last minute. This is completely unfair to our instructors.
- The Board decided that payment for classes must be made at least seven (7) days before the class. Members who do not adhere to the rule will forfeit their membership for a 12-month period. reinstatement is not guaranteed depending on the membership cap of 80 full-time members. Non members will not be allowed to take EAL Classes for a 12-month period.

New Business:

- Chris Bart passed out EAL Class Questionnaires to be filled out and given back to her at the end of the meeting.
- Heidi Bates gave us a brief history of how the efforts of a few art league members several years ago, enabled us to have an art room here at the rec center.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Marth, Secretary