Estero Art League

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, March 16, 2026

Minutes

President, David Morrison opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. In attendance were Vice President, Christine Bart, Treasurer, Sue Hensler, Assistant Treasurer, Millie Morrison, Secretary, Jacqueline Marth. Those present represented a quorum.

Financial Report:

- Bank Balance is $18,177.66. CD Balance is $33,800.87
- Bank of America CD matures May 8, 2026. If interest remains the same, we will renew. If not, we will look at interest rates at other banks.
- Fixed expenses this year covered rent, website, insurance, domain registration, art council fee, state registration. Miscellaneous expenses included Fine Mark Bank exhibit, Welcome Back pizza party, and Annual Meeting luncheon.
- Income is derived from membership dues and COCO Gallery sales percentage. EAL artists were the top sellers in February this year at the gallery.

COCO Gallery Exhibit:

- Receiving will be on Monday, April 6 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. The reception will be on Wednesday, April 8 from 5:00 – 7:00. Take down will be on May 3 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Artists may remove paintings no earlier than April 26.
- Volunteers will be needed for set-up and clean-up for the reception.
- Participating members must either bring an appetizer or dessert to the reception or pay $15 toward the food.
- No small works will be accepted this year.
- Volunteers will be needed for hanging.
- This will be the last year for our harpist from FGCU.
- Next year we will not be able to exhibit in April due to other organizations wishing to do Special Exhibits. We will try to get January or February.

Fine Mark takedown: Take down for the Fine Mark exhibit is Thursday, March 26. Time to be determined.

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.

Three Oaks Library Exhibit:

- The library would like us to exhibit in February.
- We would need to buy new panels for exhibiting at the library as ours have disappeared.

- The library would need to be able to store the panels for us.
- Steve Karpowich will be contacting the library to discuss these issues.

New Business:

- David will be stepping down as President after this season. David has completely set up a website that is not difficult to manage. Website technology is transitioning to Evelyn John. She will be needing a backup as it is too much for one person to handle. Gwen Westlake will be handling class payments. She also will be needing a backup person. We need a volunteer for the position of President. This position has been made much easier with the creation of the website.
- There has been a problem with members registering for a class and dropping out at the last minute without paying for the class. The Board decided that payment for a class must be made no later than 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.

- **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Marth, Secretary