

Estero Art League
Board of Directors Meeting
January 23, 2023

MINUTES

President David Morrison opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

In attendance were David Morrison, President, Cherie Mulcahy, Vice President, Sue Hensler, Treasurer, Millie Morrison, Assistant Treasurer, Jackie Marth, Secretary, and Karen Thompson, Classes Chairman. Those Board members present represented a quorum.

The following matters were discussed:

Classes:

Karen Thompson and David Morrison reported that the Jan Ellen Palette Knife/Oil Workshop held on January 12, and January 19 was well attended with eleven students participating. All students were members of Estero Art League. Jan Ellen has been paid for this workshop. A second workshop has been scheduled for April 6 and April 13. This workshop is filling up fast with eight students signed up so far. Jan Ellen limits her workshops to twelve students.

Michael Domina's Watercolor workshop on Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9,23 has twelve paid students. Four students are non EAL members. Michael will accept up to twenty students in his classes.

Michael Domina's Abstract Acrylic workshop on March 2,9,16,23, has seven students signed up thus far.

Sue Hensler is offering an Enhanced Mono Print with Watercolors on Yupo workshop on March 30. To date three students have signed up. This workshop has not yet been advertised.

Discussion was held on the classes we will offer next season. It was suggested that we diversify a little and explore some different ideas for class subjects such as drawing or acrylic painting basics. Karen is open for suggestions of new instructors.

Southwest Florida Regional Library:

Library exhibit: The Estero Art League will be exhibiting at the library in March. Details regarding the exhibit, and registration will be on line. Receiving and hanging will be on March 3. The exhibit will run until March 24. David will arrange to have the stands at the library for set up. We will need some help with hanging the paintings.

Meeting Room Exhibit: An exhibit of Renee Handel's paintings has been hung in the meeting room of the library. They will be offered for sale. Sue reported that they have all now been priced. The library staff is very eager to have the art league continue to exhibit paintings in the meeting room. The space was specifically set up for that purpose.

Library/EAL Joint Programs: David Morrison, Millie Morrison, and Jackie Marth, met with library staff on December 20, 2022 to discuss the art league working with the library to promote the arts in Estero. The library staff would like to schedule some small art workshops, make it/take its, demos, children's programs etc. The possibilities are endless for children and adults alike. This is a wonderful opportunity to increase the

visibility of the art league in Estero. David suggested that a committee be set up to meet with the library staff and set up some programs. Cherie Mulcahy has a lot of ideas for programs and will be the lead person on the committee. Sue Hensler volunteered to help out. Another volunteer will be needed.

Financial Report:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Sue Hensler reported that we have \$11,452 in the checking account and \$31,002 in the "savings" account.

Discussion was held in regard to putting the \$31,002 into a CD now that the interest rates have gone up. The Board decided that this would be a financially sound idea. Sue will look into CD Rates.

Membership:

President, David Morrison reported that we have fifty registered members. Eleven of those are new members. Registration is now done on the website, which makes it easier for everyone.

COCO Gallery Exhibit:

The Estero Art League will be exhibiting at COCO Gallery on April 5 thru April 26. There will be a reception at the gallery on April 5. It is important that all exhibitors attend the reception and bring an appetizer/sweet. David would also like all exhibitors to promote the gallery by inviting friends, neighbors, etc. to the reception. Information about the exhibit and registration will be on the website.

Permanent Art League Location:

In an ongoing effort to move forward in establishing a permanent location for the Estero Art League, David Morrison, Sue Hensler, and Barbara Sykes, have attended a meeting with Village of Estero leaders. David suggested that we need to form a committee to continue pursuing the goal of having our own facility to use for painting, classes and exhibiting our work.

Art League Flyer Competition:

The art league flyer competition will end on January 30, 2023. There will be information on the website regarding the judging of the artwork.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

A Welcome Back luncheon will follow the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Marth, Secretary