

MINUTES

Southeast Colorado Art Guild
November 21, 2009

Meeting called to order by President Jennie Dooley.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were unavailable for reading.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Veronica Jacoby reported that the current balance was \$298.06 after deposits and payment of bills from the recent show. In related business she reported that Jeremy Cooper is expecting \$325.00 to be remitted from RoseAnn Yates, Executive Director of the Southeast Colorado Arts Council. Jeff Alexander reported an additional \$266.28 in outstanding bills to present for payment.

Old Business:

Bev Middleton, who undertook the responsibility of managing the summer art show at Shore Arts Center, suggested we need a better system for handling fees. Collections were a problem because some exhibitors did not pay at the time they delivered their work for display.

New Business:

Nominating committee: Carol Demas reported the following officer nominations for the 2010 calendar year: President - Jeremy Cooper; Vice-President – Veronica Jacoby; Second Vice – Peggy Kalma; Secretary – Marilyn Gentz and Treasurer – Patsy Oxley.

Meeting Date: The date for the Guild's January meeting was set for Jan. 30, 2010.

Workshop: Jennie Dooley offered to present a workshop (in whatever medium locals request) as a fundraiser for the Guild in 2010.

Shore Art Center Holiday Displays: Trevor LaCost encouraged local artists to display their work in the Shore Arts Center through the holidays. Following a brief discussion the group decided that a fee of \$5.00 per artist would be charged, and a limit of three pieces per artist imposed. The same fee and limits were applied for window displays.

Fall Art Show Awards: Jennie Dooley initiated a discussion about the way prize monies for awards were allocated at this year's Fall Show. She recommended that the guild set specific prize amounts for the Popular Choice, Area, and President's Choice Awards. Jeremy explained that lack of funding for the 2009 show dictated changes in award amounts at that show. Following the discussion a decision was made for the incoming president to appoint a special committee to work with the board and the Arts Council to insure adequate funding for the 2010 Fall show.

Mary Lynne Pruett added that the Guild should do something each year to promote an increase in entries as this directly effects the Guild's bottom line.

Art Show Categories: Patsy Oxley suggested separating categories of entries by awarding certificates for Best of Oils, Best of Watercolors, etc. Each large category could be further broken down by media as the Guild had done in the past. She explained that this change would allow viewers to better understand the judging process, and could be achieved without incurring additional expense. It would also simplify the job of judging, as the Best of Painting Award would be chosen from the first place certificate winners rather than from the entire display of 'paintings'. Other members agreed, and the awards committee is asked to pursue this process for categorizing next year's show.

Entrant Categories: The discussion then moved on to the designation of 'Pro' or 'Non-pro' entrants. Bev moved that we change to 'Open' and 'Youth', thereby deleting the 'Pro' and 'Non-pro' designations. Jeff Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jennie then asked the By-law Committee to investigate what must be done to make the new entrant categories conform to the Guild's constitution.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. on a motion by Jeff and seconded by Marilyn.