

CORRECTED General Meeting Minutes

January ~~16~~ 15, 2024

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Pat Cramer at 1:00 pm. A quorum was present. A motion to accept the December General Meeting Minutes was made by Candy Marsh and seconded by Eileen Harris. The minutes were accepted by membership.

Treasurer's Report

The ending balance for December was \$30,645.19. A motion was made by Dave Buckbinder and seconded by Donna Davis to approve the Treasurer's Report. The report was approved by membership.

Library and Kuentz Art Displays

New artwork has been hung in the Library and Kuentz. Please stop by and see all the wonderful art our members have contributed.

New Members

Two new members were introduced, Ester and Cathy. We also welcomed a guest of Candy's, Claudette.

2024 Registration

Registration for 2024 is up and running. If you haven't already, please be sure to complete the registration by the end of January.

Chartered Clubs

The by-laws are being reviewed and revised by the Chartered Clubs. The big thing that would affect us, if passed, is we will be limited to having four general meetings a year. If we want to continue for more than that, we will probably have to pay for the room.

Monitoring

A reminder that you are required to monitor two times per year. The club will be paying more attention to this requirement this year. If you are unable to monitor for whatever reason, please reach out to a Board member who will assist you.

Hearing Assistance Devices

The club is currently attaining information on obtaining devices that will assist members who are hearing impaired. These will assist them with hearing our instructors much better in our classes and workshops. Once we obtain the final information and costs associated, we will bring this forward to the membership for a final vote.

Education

Sue Anderson was introduced as one of our new Education Committee Chairs. Dave Blackman will also be a Chair. Sue will be handling the educational courses and workshops, while Dave will handle the computer duties. Sue mentioned that they now have a dedicated email if you have any questions or problems. It is swac.education@gmail.com

Sue also mentioned that you must have your 2024 registration fee paid before you are enrolled for classes. She is sending emails to people signing up for courses/workshops who have not done this step yet. In addition, a reminder that club members get precedence over guests in classes and workshops. So, if there is a waiting list, members should get on them. She or Dave will monitor this to ensure that members get in those full classes before guests. Guests will be refunded and disenrolled if a waiting list contains members.

There are a couple of new “paint parties” and those have been posted. Gail Wagner may have a workshop coming soon. Sue is also going to be reaching out to Kathleen Eaton for a workshop. Stay tuned.

Sunday movies will resume once per month.

A round of applause for Ricki for all her work as our previous Education Chair.

Library

Alice stated that there have been lots of checkouts and things are running smoothly.

Art Show

The club will have access to Palm Ridge on Thursday this year. This means that a lot of the pre-work can be done a day sooner than in past years. We will be able to get the panels set up, intake, runners, and hanging can be completed. Judging will still take place on Friday along with the reception. Volunteers are still needed in all areas. Members will be able to submit two paintings once again with an option for a 3rd if space allows. If you were not at the general meeting today and want to volunteer, please reach out to Susan who will happily find a spot for you.

Blick Art Materials Demonstration

There was a very informative presentation and demonstration by Steve of Blick Art Materials. He shared his wealth of knowledge regarding paints and brushes. He also answered so many questions. I think everyone was thankful and appreciated how generous he was in staying for questions. I heard many people who wanted him to return! Also, Blick will give club members a 10% discount on non-sale items. Just ask for it at the register.

Other

The winner of the badge drawing was Sandy Kortan. The monitor winners were Donna Howard for November, MaryBeth Cornelious for December, and the 2023 grand prize winner was Catherine Woody. Super monitors were also acknowledged today.

A motion was made by Jan Kay and seconded by Eileen Harris to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously by membership.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.