

WORTHINGTON AREA ART LEAGUE

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 21, 2013

President Ron Porta called the meeting to order. New members and guests were introduced.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Treasurer Ana Atwood gave the financial report from Jan. 7 to Feb. 21, 2013:

Beginning balance:

The main expenses were operating fees for the newly rented storage unit for WAAL supplies and equipment, meeting facility rent, and insurance to equal

The expenses for the Feb. show at the High Road Gallery totaled

Internet service fee for the web site totaled

Miscellaneous expenses for meeting programs and newsletters totaled \$201.00.

Membership Chairman Chuck Zelms reported the membership for the league stands at 173 with 145 single memberships and 23 family memberships. Five free memberships were given to students or local groups. A total of has been collected in membership dues this year.

President Ron Porta congratulated Newsletter Chairperson Katie Crowley for her excellent WAAL Newsletter. The newsletter was sent to members via email on Feb. 18th and hard copies were sent to members without email.

Web Site Co-Chair Bill Westerman said most of the web site fees had been collected.

President Ron Porta thanked Valerie Aveni and Sara Worthington for co-chairing the successful High Road Gallery Feb. show. Volunteers for the show were also thanked for their efforts. Ron congratulated the award winners: Honorable Mention: Christina Gamble, Jo Dickenson and Nancy Kelley Collins; 3rd : Sylvana Whittaker; 2nd : Alan Sippel; 1st: Duane Palmo; Best of Show: Said Oladejo-Lawal.

Valerie Aveni said take down would be Feb. 23rd at the High Road Gallery. She commented that the show attracted many viewers and twelve pieces of art were sold during the show. Also two artists were asked to include their works in the upcoming Parade of Homes. WAAL received many positive comments about the show from the visiting public.

Ron Porta announced a new meeting site for the upcoming meetings for March, April and May of 2013. The new location is the meeting room of the Griswold Center at 777 N. High St. in Worthington. Also the meeting nights have been changed from the third Thursday of the month to the second Thursday of the month. The upcoming dates are:

March 14, Thursday, 7:00pm

April 11, Thursday, 7:00pm

May 9, Thursday, 7:00pm

The WAAL Board made the decision to change the meeting location in response to many complaints over the past several months at the Sharon Township meeting location. Members cited safety issues with the dark parking lot, poor interior lighting and program options for presenters, and carpet concerns of the meeting space.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Glover reported on the upcoming show at the Mill Run Church in Upper Arlington for April, 2013. Exact dates and applications will be posted in later WAAL announcements.

Chuck Zelms announced the dates for the Motorist Mutual Show as the May 24 – June 20, 2013. He requested that someone be a co-chair with him this year and possible become chair for a future show.

Ron Porta praised Siebahn Gallagher for her many years of conscientious work in sending WAAL announcements to members who do not have e-mails. Siebahn can no longer continue in this role because she is providing health care help to family members. Ron asked for a volunteer to take over this important function. New member Susan Vivyan volunteered to take over this role.

Katie Fowle announced that there is now an Ohio Pastel Artists League (OPAL). The League meets the first Wednesday of the month from 7 – 9pm beginning in March at the NW Library on Hard Rd. Occasionally they will meet on other days for open studio. Membership is \$20.00/year, but anyone is welcome to a meeting or open studio. For more information or to become a member please call Katie at 614 270 8408 or email at fowlesnest@yahoo.com. There is also a Facebook page titled Ohio Pastel Artists.

Jo Dickenson announced that she is teaching a course titled “Creative Paper Collage” at the Griswold Center in Worthington. See the Griswold Center Programs publication for details.

Valerie Aveni reported that a new outlet for artists has opened. It is the Ohio Art Market at 30 N. State St. in Westerville. The owner is Wendy Emery, a glass bead artist. The Market is devoted to representing Ohio artists. She is looking for all artists of various media who would be interested in selling their art in her gallery. Her terms are \$25.00/month for a three month contract and a 20% commission. Wendy can be reached at 614 882 1015.

Another opportunity, called Celebrate Local, has opened its new location. For information contact elizaho@laliarchitect.com .

Gary Chaconas told the members that his work, along with works by Rich Clem, Karen LaValley, and other local artists is currently in a show at the High Road Gallery through March.

Katie Crowley announced that several State government offices will be moving to newly renovated buildings this spring and officials are looking for artists to hang their work in the building. The address is 77 Front St. Columbus. Please contact Katie for information.

After a short break for refreshments Alan Sippel announced the program presenter for the evening, Michael McEwan. Michael is a prominent Central Ohio artist and is a professor of art at Capitol University. Michael gave an informative and humorous presentation on “Protecting the Surface”.

The meeting adjourned around 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Sara Worthington (from notes taken by President Ron Porta)