

October 10, 2013 Worthington Area Art League Meeting Minutes

President Alan Sippel called the meeting to order at the Griswold Center. He asked for any guests to raise their hands but none were present at this meeting. He then asked for reports from officers:

Secretary Sara Worthington reminded members to read minutes at the WAAL website, www.artinview.com, if they were interested in a summary of the last meeting.

Treasurer Ana Atwood was out of town.

Membership Chairman Chuck Zelms said there are currently 126 paid members to date for 2013-2014 out of 186 paid members from 2012-2013. Members who are interested in continuing active membership in WAAL, or people interested in joining WAAL, need to pay Chuck their membership fee by December, 2013, if they have not yet done so.

Alan requested for someone to volunteer to send hard copies to nine members without email access. Jane Moore volunteered right away to take care of the mailings

Alan asked if there were announcements to be made.

Nancy Vance, coordinator of COPA (Central Ohio Plein Air), announced an art exhibit of member paintings at the Rock Mill in Fairfield County. The opening of this COPA show will be October 26 from 2 to 4pm. The paintings exhibited will be those painted onsite by the artists. The exhibit will run until November 29th, then the show will transfer to the Fairfield County Courthouse.

Ron Porta gave a report on the success of the WAAL display at the Worthington Market Day in September. Despite a heavy morning rain many people began to show up as the skies cleared. A total of \$170.00 worth of Art League cards sold at the booth. Ron thanked all the volunteers who gave of their time for the event.

Ron also noted that the YART exhibit and sale, sponsored by the MAC in August, was profitable for WAAL. Sold cards totaled \$100.00. Again, Ron gave thanks to volunteers who helped that day.

Kathy Crowley reported for Ruth Ann Mitchell that there are five venues locally where a member may exhibit art work. Kathy passed around a sign-up sheet.

Rich Clem announced that Alan Sippel's art portfolio is now on the WAAL website. In addition, Bill Westerman told members that Alan had sold two paintings recently.

Kathy Crowley, Vice President, introduced our speaker Larry Wood for the program following the business meeting. Larry is a ceramist who recently had a show at the Columbus Cultural Art Center. He has been highly influenced by Native American Indians in the New Mexico region, specifically the Pueblos near Santa Clara, NM. Larry told us of his techniques and learning experiences with an accomplished ceramist in Santa Clara. The artist showed him where to dig for the specific clays and slips used in her work and he then produced pots from that type of clay in her studio with her guidance. He works in a creative and meticulous manner and seeks out new tools to create unique designs for his pots. He uses his knowledge as an industrial engineer to create the shapes of his pots and bowls. Larry

brought some of his special pieces for us to see in addition to an extensive slide show to illustrate his work.

Alan concluded the meeting by thanking Larry for a fascinating presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Worthington,

Recording Secretary