

January 9, 2014

WAAL MEETING MINUTES

The first meeting of 2014 of the Worthington Area Art League was called to order by President Alan Sippel. He asked any visitors to please stand and introduce themselves.

Alan next asked for reports from officers:

Ana Atwood, Treasurer, was out of town

Sara Worthington, Secretary, had no report

Chuck Zelms, Membership Chairman, announced that we now have approximately 150 paid members. He emphasized that interested people can become members at any time of the year.

Alan asked for any announcements from the attending members.

Bonnie Smith informed members that the Dublin Art League had moved its meeting night to the third Thursday of the month so there would no longer be a conflict with the WAAL meeting night which is the second Thursday of the month.

Bill Westerman gave us detailed information about painting boards produced and sold by the Multi Media Art Board Company located in Georgia. Nancy Vance had told Bill about the art boards and their versatility for artists. Bill then called the president of the company to tell him of our organization and that he believed many of our members would be interested in trying out the boards and possibly purchasing them. The president then sent Bill a boxful of the boards so that our members could try one or two of them. The boards were available at the meeting. Bill said the boards are designed and treated for application of oil paint, watercolors and pastels and that no priming is necessary beforehand. Two additional features are that they are very lightweight and are made in the USA. For those interested in learning more about them, or for ordering, view the website www.multimediaartboard.com and use the code WAAL1914 for a 20% discount before the end of January 2014.

Steven Walker announced he is currently having an exhibit at the Sharon Weiss Gallery.

There is a show at the Image Optical Gallery titled \$100.00 Show and many artists are participating.

Alan asked our Vice President and Program Chair to announce our speaker for the night. Kathy Crowley then introduced Rick Stewart who is a sculptor. He specializes in the lost wax method of bronze casting, which he said is a method having been used for over 6,000 years. Rick has been an art instructor at the CCAC for ten years. He said there is a foundry at the center, only one of two in Columbus. He explained several steps in bronze casting, some complex and some simple, to reach the final product of the bronze sculpture. Rick then explained different methods for arriving at the patina the artist desires on his sculpture. After explaining his casting methods Rick told of his involvements in organizing and exhibiting his sculptures with motorcycle art exhibits around the country. He said he is currently organizing a show in Pickerington, Ohio.

Alan concluded our meeting by thanking our presenter and encouraging members to continue to be creative.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Worthington, secretary