

MARCH 13, 2014

WORTHINGTON AREA ART LEAGUE

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Crowley, Vice President, at the Griswold Center in Worthington. President Alan Sippel was absent.

Kathy asked for officer reports:

Secretary Sara Worthington announced she would be terminating her job as secretary at the end of this meeting year (May 2014). The position is therefore open and anyone interested in being a candidate for the office should contact her or a board member.

Treasurer Ana Atwood gave her financial report. The ending balance as of March 13, 2014 is \$3,351.67.

The total income from February 13, 2014 was \$85.00. The total expenses for the period was \$725.13.

Membership Chairman Chuck Zelms noted we now have 163 paid members in WAAL

Small Venue chairperson Ruth Ann Mitchell was absent. Bill Westerman gave her report by saying the Little Turtle Country Club is willing to show the work of WAAL members. The exhibits will last for 6 weeks and 25 to 40 pieces of 2-D work can be hung.

Announcements:

Mill Run Church exhibit co-chairman Bill Westerman announced that 119 pieces of art were hung this week for the current show. Debbie Haller's painting was selected as a "feature painting" and is hung by the receptionist's desk in the entry lobby.

Bill also encouraged members to invite non-members to come to meetings.

Kathy Crowley announced the current and upcoming shows:

1. Mill Run Show: March 12 - April 30, 2014. Reception is to be held March 23rd from 2-4pm.
2. High Road Gallery Show: April 1 – 30; chairman is Jim Glover
3. Motorist Mutual Show: May 9 – June 19; chairman is Chuck Zelms
4. Griswold Individual Display: Alan Sippel for the next three months.
5. High Road Gallery: the Local Color Show will be an open show from April 30 – May 31.

Kathy also mentioned that Ron Porta is contacting the art teachers from the three Worthington high schools for art scholarship recipients. Scholarships are given by WAAL to three deserving students during the May potluck dinner.

The May 8th potluck dinner meeting will be our last meeting until September 2014. A sign up sheet was passed around by Kathy for volunteers to help with the event.

Kathy stated that two Board positions will be open for officers for the 2014 – 2015 year. A Hospitality position is being added as well.

Kathy asked guests to stand to introduce themselves and tell us of their current art interests. Five guests were at the meeting.

Carol Hershey told the attending members that the April show will probably be the last WAAL show at the High Road Gallery. She is modifying her gallery to accommodate artists in studio settings with a more limited gallery space. The transition will most likely take place in late 2014 or early 2015.

After the announcements were made Kathy adjourned the business meeting for refreshments.

Program Presenter:

Vice President Kathy Crowley introduced our presenter for the evening, Tony Mendoza.

Tony left Havana, Cuba for the US when he was 18 years old in 1960. He graduated from Yale University with a Bachelor of Engineering degree and then from Harvard with a Master of Architecture degree. He was an architect for several years but then decided to pursue photography full time. Twenty five years ago Mr. Mendoza became a Professor of Photography at The Ohio State University Art Department. He recently retired from that position.

Mr. Mendoza more recently combined his love of photography with biographical and fictional writing. He has published several books combining his writing and his photography. He read to us from his current novel titled "A Cuban Summer". He explained to us his method for gathering information for his stories and how he related his photography to his stories.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Worthington,

Secretary