

Worthington Area Art League
General Meeting
December 9, 2021

Recording Secretary, Sylvia Bowers was not in attendance. Minutes take by the Treasurer. Andi Wolfe, President, opened the meeting and made the following announcements:

- December's critique will be 12/16, 7pm, at the same link.
- Janet Forbes-Green has stepped down as venues chair and we will need a volunteer for that slot.
- The Greater Columbus Arts Council has opened its grant process for next year. We will want ideas to apply for grant money.
- Entries are being accepted online for the WAAL show at High Road Gallery, "Art from the Heart – Creating with Love". The entry fees are \$20 but web site payments are going through as \$15. *Update 12/11/2021 – Web site was updated with the new rate after the meeting.*

Lisa Hilbig, Vice President

- Speaker for January is Justin Collamore
- Working on additional speakers but would welcome suggestions from members.

Beth Veldey, Treasurer reported:

- Balance of \$7,593.17 as of 11/30/2021
- Memberships are running behind last year by \$657.
- There was a discussion about portfolio renewals. We should have 16 renewals and the Membership chair says they have all paid for this year but the Treasurer's report says otherwise. The Membership Chair and Treasurer will look into this and get back to the board.

Katherine Crowley, Public Relations

- Reported on increased number of Facebook posts.
- Reminded members that their own Facebook posts could be shared on the WAAL page if they are "public".

Matt Anderle, Webmaster

- Provided web site viewing statistics.

Bylaws Report:

A proposed revision of the bylaws was emailed to all members on 11/24/2021 for review. One comment was returned from Joni Meeker and was resolved via discussion with no changes to the proposed bylaws.

There was a motion by Andi Wolfe to dispense with the reading of the bylaws, seconded by Lisa Hilbig. A second motion was made by Andi Wolfe for the membership to vote on adoption of the new bylaws, seconded by Beth Veldey. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

501(c)(3) Report

Beth Veldey reported that the 501(c)(3) project is nearly complete.

- Incorporate the Worthington Area Art League - Task completed - WAAL is now Worthington Area Art League, Inc.
- Apply for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status - The filing is complete and WAAL now has a tax ID number. The IRS review of our tax exempt status request has been complete and our status confirmed.
- Revise the Bylaws – Adopted by the membership on 12/9/2021.
- Next – Apply for Kroger & Amazon funds.
- Next – File first IRS 990-N by 1/15/22.

Respectively submitted

Beth Veldey for Sylvia Bowers, Recording Secretary