

Board Meeting Minutes February 14, 2009

Michelle called the meeting to order at 10:10AM. Attending were Michelle Knoerzer, Jo Appleton, Rhonda Anderson, Suzanne Morgan, Ed Noyce, Connie Akers, Sherrie Tootle, Deborah Boschert and Lu Peters.

Michelle distributed the postcards to the Board Members. She has already distributed them to Asel Art. She received several compliments from the printer who was going to contact Tonya Littman to do some work for him.

Membership: Jo Appleton agreed to do research on the liability insurance policy for the group. Jo will add the newsletter editor to her list of new members and their birthdates. We now have 71 members.

2009-2010 Board: Michelle asked who plans to return to the Board for next year. Ed will be replaced by Sara Moe as Show Chair. Karen Chaussabel was mentioned as a possible candidate. Deborah would like to have a Chair for mini-workshops as she is unable to make it to CC Young in time for them. Denise Spillane was mentioned for that position. Sherrie, Lu, Suzanne, Rhonda, and Deborah will continue on the Board. Suzanne suggested that we have one other person to coordinate the annual workshop as this is such a large job. Lu suggested that we have three people who are versed in Audio Visual set up to allow the few who are currently doing it to enjoy a program. Michelle said that we need to coordinate with Felicia Burns at CC Young for this.

Ginny Eckley Workshop: Suzanne said that the workshop paid for itself. We took in \$1100 and spent \$1006.

Mini-workshops: The group discussed what to do in the future: Due to the keen interest by members in the round robin program, Deborah suggested having a different workshop than one presented by the program speaker, and opening it up to members, via an application system. This would provide members with greater access to a variety of techniques. She asked if we should pay these members or permit them to charge a supply fee to cover their costs, citing an emphasis on promoting professionalism in the group. After a lengthy discussion it was moved, seconded and approved to *solicit members for workshops, using an application process, paying them a \$25 speaker's fee [with the option to donate the money to DAFA], plus a kit fee [with a maximum of \$10]. These presenters will also be allowed to sell their supplies and materials.* The application process was also discussed to include such information as: materials and techniques, background experience, examples of work, website information, etc. These mini-workshops will begin next year.

State Representative: Rhonda Douglass reported that the deadline for work entered in the Houston Federation Show is June 1st. She said she would ask for clarification about the \$30 fee. **Please note that this has since been clarified and confirmed by Cindy Hickok to be June 15th and the fee is \$30 for up to three pieces.** All entries should be

in 300dpi format and Ed Noyce volunteered to adjust these for any member who could not format photos electronically.

Annual Show: Ed Noyce reported that we have about 50 pieces in the show. We received \$345 in revenue. He suggested that we have a non-juried show and a juried show in the future. He did not know if Jack had heard from the Bath House for 2010. Michelle thanked him for his efforts in producing a great show; Jo took photos of the show that will be posted on the website. The takedown will be 11AM to 3PM on February 27th. This information will be added to the weekly update.

Other Announcements: Ed reported that Diane Tuckman, of Silk Painters International, will be in Dallas teaching silk painting March 22 and 23rd at the Visual Arts Expression, and March 28-29th, at Southside on Lamar. He will make forms available by email.

Newsletter: Sherrie Tootle Asked for more content for the newsletter. Deborah will send out another survey on programs and ask how important the newsletter is to members. It was suggested to add short bios of members to the newsletter.

Treasurer: Suzanne is in the process of changing banks to Citi Bank, as the previous one is out of business. The total amount in the Treasury is \$6,889.73.

Programs: Deborah discussed the schedule for the coming months:

February is Ed Noyce: "Why I Never Do the Same Thing Twice", and a mini-workshop on off loom weaving. \$5 kit fee. For non-weavers, building a small loom and weaving a project. Bring scissors and extra yarn.

March is Lisa Renner on Mixed Media; mini-workshop is Denise Spillane on Spirit Dolls [\$5 kit fee, bring scissors, glue, fibers and doo-dads].

April is Ellen Holy on Elegant Tassels. Members Stash Sale to raise money for DAFA.

May is pot luck dinner, officer turnover and ART SWAP.

Community Service and Scholarship: We discussed adding this to the Board. One min-workshop will be for service to CC Young. One idea was to donate materials to schools in need. Connie volunteered to chair this position.

Michelle adjourned the meeting at 11:45AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lu Peters, Communications