

SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY  
Board Meeting Minutes  
August 5, 2017  
Renown Board Room, 1155 Mill Street Reno, NV  
10:00 a.m.

**Call to Order:** 10:06 a.m.

*In Attendance:*

- Board Members:  
*President Tricia Leonard, Treasurer Laurel Swiegart, Secretary Carol Baker*
  
- Committee Members & Members-at-Large:  
*Judy Berland, Diane Sewell, Nancy Podewils-Baba, Leslie Kay Kuhn, Cheryl Kay Tietz and Virginia Mc Laughlin*

**Minutes** of April 29, 2017 Board Meeting: *Carol Baker*

*There were no corrections to the April 29, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes. Diane Sewell motioned to approve, seconded by Kay Tietz. The Minutes of the April 29, 2017 Board Meeting were approved as published.*

**Treasurer's Report:** *Laurel Sweigart*

*Report Date: June 30, 2017*

*Beginning Balance* \$31,846.23

	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expense</i>
<i>Art Angels</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Workshops</i>	<i>330.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>SWS</i>	<i>160.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Total</i>	<u><i>490.00</i></u>	<u><i>100.00</i></u>

*Ending Bank Balance* \$32,157.08

*There were no additions or corrections to the Treasurer's Report. Nancy Podewils-Baba motioned to approve, seconded by Leslie Kuhn. The June Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.*

**Proposed Nominations for 2018:** *Kay Teitz*

*Nominations for the 2018 Offices are as follows: Ronnie Rector for President and Linda Parisi for Vice-President. Lisa Jefferson has volunteered to take on the responsibility of the Newsletter.*

**Workshops and Demonstrations:** *Gina Lijoi (not present)*

**2017:** *Birgit O'Conner, Aug 15 – 18*  
*Set-up on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 8:00 a.m. Volunteers needed*  
*Bev Jozwiak, Oct 10 -13*  
*Open for sign-up*

**2018:**        *Eva Nichols, Demo, Jan 13*  
                  *Michael Reardon, March 7-9*  
                  *Michael Holton, May 9-11*  
                  *Julie Pollard, Aug 14-17*  
                  *David Lobenberg, Oct 9-12*

**2019:**        *Stan Miller, March*  
                  *Sterling Edwards, Oct*  
                  *Diane Sewell suggested that Tricia Leonard give an abstract demo*

**Hospitality:**    *Leslie Kuhn – no report*

**Art Angels and Community Outreach:**    *Nancy Podewils*

*Community Outreach: We held two Art Angels workshops for Artown on Thursday, July 20 at the Wilbur May Museum. There were 47 children in attendance, with 7 instructors for the morning session, and 5 instructors and 37 children in the afternoon session. Artown gave us a stipend of \$300.00 plus we received \$74.90 in tips. The children and their parents seemed thrilled with the experience!*

*Our next Art Angels workshop will be on Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Sparks Heritage Museum. This workshop is limited to 30 children at the request of the new Museum E.D. Nancy is in the process of recruiting instructors and helpers.*

*We will also do a Holiday Workshop on Saturday December 9 at the Wilbur May Museum.*

*We are planning to do another raffle and silent auction between December 2 (when we have the SWS brunch) and December 9. We will be soliciting donations of small, original paintings. We have received a small painting by Mark Mehaffey, and a print by Jeannie Vodden to be raffled off.*

*Art Angels Classes in the Schools:  
The Art Angels classroom visits for 2017-2018 are now scheduled into the spring. Nancy expects to have the schedule for the school year filled shortly, with 2-3 visits per month. She has put off scheduling at less needy schools until other requests are filled.*

*Linda James, a regular Art Angels helper and workshop instructor offered to share responsibility for Art Angels. She will teach some classes independently, both when Nancy is on vacation and when and if she needs a break.*

*Nancy's question to the Board: Do we want to limit the number of classes we do each year and/or reduce costs by not matting the paintings? We do sometimes have trouble getting enough volunteers, but generally have been fine, and the teachers and children are so appreciative! Virginia Mc Laughlin suggested the possibility of looking into creating a position within SWS to do grant writing for Art Angels.*

Tricia suggested changing the number of participants to 10 as opposed to 15-17, to break even allowing us to cover for the workshops that are not full. Nancy suggested the break even to be 12 participants.

**Publicity:** Nancy Podewils

Nancy will continue to post notices on the online calendars of all demos, as well as our holiday potluck, exhibits and receptions.

**Facebook:** Kathryn Dudley (not present)

**Scholarships:** Kathryn Dudley (not present)

**Exhibits:** Virginia McLaughlin, Coordinator

The Artown exhibit of paintings for SWS, "Summer Bounty" took place at the South Valleys Library July 1-31, 2017. Eighteen paintings were hung in the exhibit space and elicited many positive comments from the community. The library staff warmly welcomed the exhibit with a tasteful reception of cookies and iced tea, and flowers on July 8. No paintings were sold, but it was a good exposure for SWS artists. Winner of the "People's Choice" vote was Linda Parisi, with the painting "Boats Afloat".

**Upcoming Exhibits 2017:**

Sparks Heritage Museum, judged exhibit August 15- Oct 2, "A Colorful Life"

The annual judged show will be collected at Sparks Heritage Museum on August 11, and will be open to the public August 15 – October 1, 2017, during museum hours.

Birgit O'Connor will be judging the show. The team Molly Dondero, Linda Halicki, Kay Tietz, Hope Thompson, Vicki Curwen, and Sally Shaw sharing the chairman responsibilities have been doing excellent job.

Entry date: Friday Aug. 11, 2017, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Pick-up date: Monday, Oct. 2, 2017, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Opening day for the public is Tuesday Aug 15.

Reception: Saturday Sept. 9, from 2:00pm to 4:00 pm. Entry form includes further details, such as categories and framing requirements. All entrants are encouraged to read SS Standing Rules since they must be followed.

The show will be hung beginning Friday afternoon, Aug 11, and completed by Sat. Aug 12. Birgit will judge, starting at 10:00 am on Monday Aug 14. Museum director Aimee Kelly will be opening the museum for us to allow the judging. Ronnie Rector has solicited the awards. They will be pre sorted on Tuesday, Aug 15 and awarded at SWS General Meeting on Saturday, Aug 19.

Post card images are "Sunday in Carson City" by Ronnie Rector; "Dance of the Blessed Spirit" by Tricia Leonard; "Ram" by Kathryn Dudley; "The Color of Nevada" by Barb Kallestad.

May Museum, Nov7-Dec 10 Diane Sewell- "Freedom of Expression"

**Video Library:** Linda Halecki (not present)

**Membership:** Sally Dupre (not present)

Membership count: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Challenge:** Judy Berland.  
"Perspective"- 1 or 2 point

**Newsletter:** Ronnie Rector (not present)

**Website:** Ruth Jaeger (not present)

**Board Meeting Calendar:** Renown Board Room, Mill Street **10:00 a.m.**

2017: September 23, November 18 (all dates are tentative)

**General Meeting Calendar:** Temple Sinai, **10:30 a.m.** (except as noted)

2017:  
August 19, October 14, Holiday Brunch December 2.

**Other business:**

**Announcements:**

Motion to Adjourn: Kay Tietz Second: Leslie Kuhn The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.