

SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
Board Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
Reno Artist Co-Op, 627 Mill Street Reno

Call to Order: Diane Sewell, President at 9:33 a.m.

In Attendance, Board Members, Committee Members and Members at Large:

Diane Sewell; Linda Halicki; Vickie Behrens; Ronnie Rector; Nancy Podewils-Baba; Judy Berland; Marjee Smith; Sally Dupre; Lisa Jefferson; Anita Watson, Jennifer Amrhein and Carol-Ann Ricketts.

Approval of Minutes from the September 11 Board Meeting: Vickie Behrens, Secretary
Minutes emailed with the agenda.

Nancy Podewils-Baba made a motion to approve, with no additions or corrections, seconded by Ronnie Rector. All voted in favor of approving the September 11 Board Meeting as emailed, none opposed.

Treasurer's Report: Diane Sewell, President
October's Treasurer's Report emailed with the agenda

Constant Contacts fee changes effective November 1.

The fee will be 2.5% + \$0.50 of the grand total of the order. For example, if the order total is \$100 dollars, the Event Platform Fee will be \$3.00 (2.5% = \$2.50 + \$0.50 = \$3.00).

Rental fees at Temple will increase in January \$225 to \$275. SWS was recently charged a full day rate for set-up the day prior to the last workshop. Linda reported that extra set-up time for more tables is needed during Covid due to social distancing requirements. The Board discussed paying a half-day rate. Linda also discussed the necessity of alarm training for the new workshop coordinators. Linda will follow-up on these matters with her contact at the Temple.

Ronnie Rector made a motion to approve the October 2021 Treasurer's reports as emailed with no additions or corrections, seconded by Nancy Podewils-Baba. All voted in favor to approve, none opposed.

Vacating Board and Chair Positions, Ronnie Rector, Past President/Advisor

Recently filled positions 2022: Anita Watson and Jennifer Amrhein, Co-Vice Presidents; Maria Hatjopoulos, Newsletter Chair. Linda Parisi, Biographer. Marjee Smith will continue as Exhibit Coordinator.

New Board Members will be sworn in, and outgoing Board Member's service will be acknowledged at the January 15 General Meeting.

Workshops and Demonstrations: Linda Halicki, Vice President

2021 Workshops

Linda distributed the evaluation results for the Carl Purcell Workshop held October 13 - 15. Fifteen out of the 22 participants responded. Overall, the responses were positive, with useful critique provided.

Linda contacted Soon Warren and she is willing to Judge an exhibit in May 2022.

Linda put forward for discussion, Judy Berland's request to have Joseph Ciberi (Southern California Artist) conduct a workshop and to potentially fill the June 2023 time slot. After discussion, the group agreed to continue the tradition of having a SWS Member Artist conduct the June workshops. If there is a cancellation, the Board will consider Mr. Ciberi at that time.

Linda reported that she has a large list of potential artists for future workshops for the incoming Vice-Presidents.

2022 Workshops

- Lori Bishop, Member Artist Demo, January 15
- Don Andrews, March 9-11, Demo March 12.
- Soon Warren, May 10-13, Demo May 14.
- Lori Bishop, Member Artist Workshop, June 24-26.
- Keiko Tanabe, August 17-19, Demo August 20.
- Frank Eber, October 18-21, Demo October 22

2023 Workshops

- January, Demo Only, TBD
- Eric Wiegardt, March 21-24, Demo March 25
- Betty Carr - May 10-12, Demo May 13
Betty Carr is a potential judge for the Judged exhibit in May 2023
- June TBD (Member Artist Month)
- Julie Cohn, August 16-18, Demo August 19
- Sterling Edwards, October 3-6, Demo October 7

Linda requested discussion and authority from the Board to offer a workshop refund fee to a member who signed up for the Carl Purcell workshop and had to cancel at the last-minute due to COVID illness. After discussion, the Board approved a refund, in this case. During these unusual "COVID" times, the Board will consider refunds for COVID illnesses on a case-by-case basis. The Standing Rules will not be changed. Linda will follow through with the refund and notify the member

Video Library: Bess Inouye, Librarian (absent)

No Report

Membership: Sally Dupre, Membership Chair

Sally reported that there are currently 112 members. Membership registration for 2022 began on November 1. To date, 6 members have registered. Every member must register each year on-line. Ronnie will send out another email reminding members to register on-line.

Newsletter: Lisa Jefferson, Newsletter Chair

Lisa reported that she recently met with the incoming Newsletter Chair, Maria Hatjopoulos. She will help her with the next January/February newsletter. The deadline for item submission is December 20. It will be helpful for Maria if items sent to her that can be cut and pasted, i.e., photos, etc.

Art Angels, Community Outreach and Publicity: Nancy Podewils-Baba

Art Angels:

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- Saturday, November 27 workshop at May Museum, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thirty-three sign-ups to date. Teaching volunteers are needed.
- Spanish Springs Elementary School: January 13, 20 and 27, 2022. Helpers are needed.
- Art Angels Raffle and Silent Auction on November 27, 9:30 a.m. - December 4, noon. Mary Ann Quaglieri and Bess Inouye will fill in for Nancy who will be out of town on December 4. Additional Silent Auction volunteers are needed.

Publicity:

VP Linda Halicki reported that Julene Hunter, who is the Facebook/Instagram administrator, can provide access/authority to SWS members to post directly on these platforms. Contact Julene by email if you want to post SWS information.

Exhibits: Marjee Smith

2021 Exhibits:

- Winter Exhibit "Celebration of Color", May Museum, Chair: Diane Sewell, November 3 - December 5. Take down is December 8, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

2022 Exhibits:

- The May Museum is unavailable in May 2022, therefore the judged exhibit, was changed to the July Artown Exhibit.
- Artown Exhibit in July –Judged Exhibit at the May Museum. Take-in July 5; Take down August 10.
 - A show chair and a judge are needed for this show. The group discussed judges for the July show. Diane Sewell and Linda Halicki will follow up with judge suggestions to Marjee Smith. Judged Exhibits should always be scheduled when a workshop artist is in town, so we can take advantage of their expertise and fame/name.

Nancy Podewils-Baba suggested exhibits at local libraries. Nancy will check dates and coordinate with Marjee for the period of February through May.

Linda Halicki suggested we consider Sparks Heritage Museum as a venue. Marjee will follow up for an Exhibit in October 2022.

All exhibits must be presented to the Board, either at a meeting or by email for approval.

Ronnie suggested that the Board review the Standing Rules to expand framing requirements to include alternative, i.e., glass-free framing, for future exhibits. This will be discussed further.

Challenges: Judy Berland

- October Challenge for October 16 General Meeting: "Celebration" There were four paintings submitted; 1st Place: Ronnie Rector; 2nd Place: Vickie Behrens; and 3rd Place: Jennifer Amrhein.
- January Challenge for January 15 Meeting "Use It or Lose It" Take an old painting and paint a new subject directly over it.

Judy suggested three options for the March general meeting challenge. The group decided on "Value Study". This challenge will follow-up on the value studies demonstrated by Carl Purcell at his

workshop. This painting can be any size and can be the value study you use for a painting in an upcoming exhibit. Paint colors for this challenged are to be indigo and white; black and white; or sepia and white.

Board Meeting Calendar, 2022: Location: Reno Artist Co-op, 9:30 to 11 a.m. February 12, April 9, July 9, September 10, and November 12

General Meeting Calendar: Location: Temple Sinai 10:30 a.m.
December 4 – Holiday Potluck at the May Museum. 2022 Dates set for January 15, March 12, May 14, August 20, October 22, December 3 (Holiday Party)

Other Discussions/Announcements:

Linda Halicki has a SWS laptop to return. She did not use it and will re-format it before passing it on. Sally Dupre reported that she has an old SWS printer which is no longer needed. The group discussed having these available at the Silent Auction to raise money for Art Angels.

Jennifer Amrhein announced that she inherited 200 watercolor books. She will contact Bess Inouye to see if she wants to include them in SWS Library, if not, she will offer them for free to members at the next General Meeting.

Carol Ann Ricketts announced that she is chairing the December 4 SWS Bunch. There was a brief discussion of set-up and general information about previous brunches. Marjee Smith volunteered to continue to store the brunch materials. Carol Ann will use Constant Contact to ask for volunteers, she has 2 volunteers to date.

Motion to Adjourn:

Nancy Podewils-Baba made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 11:00 a.m. seconded by Ronnie Rector, which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Vickie Behrens, Secretary
Approved: February 12, 2022