

Artists' League Minutes
January 6 2016

Chair: Linda Horton Dodson
Minute Taker: Lolita Gomez

Committee Chairs Meeting: 6:30 – 7:00
Old Business – Committee Reports

Publicity & Digital Arts Guild – Sara Chang currently gives information to WFSU, WTXL, WCTV and the Tallahassee Democrat. There was discussion about other possible places to advertise.

Meeting Programs/Speakers – Mark Fletcher announced the program for next month's meeting on March 2nd - “Bragging Rights”, Winners of the Professional Development Award, Ramona Abernathy-Paine & Terrie Corbett.

Member Spotlight – Kent Griffin announced tonight's speaker, Mark Fletcher, and next month's speaker will be Virginia Milne.

Art & Antiques Fair – Viki Thompson Wylder reported that there were 22 artists at the fair, with 2 tables having more than one person. She said she thought it was festive, full and a great fair. The museum has taken in \$11,050 and many thanks to Teri Abstein for all her hard work on it.

Membership – Viki Thompson Wylder reported on the new membership committee - Barbara Psimas, Mariann Kearsley, Jeret Madei, Bob Jones, Linda Horton Dodson and Viki D. Thompson Wylder. The goal is to get 25 new members for the year.

Barbara Psimas talked about Bill Humphries designing a quarter sheet handout.

There is a logo on the League website that can be used on member's websites.

The brochures for the League are updated.

Bob Jones talked about giving handouts to art instructors.

Jeret Madei sends out letters to graduating artists about the League.

Linda Dodson talked about the League being on the Chamber of Commerce list, sending info in the COCA email blast and writing an article on the membership drive for the Tallahassee Democrat.

Mariann Kearsley talked about making a poster every month before the meeting and putting them up all around FSU, with the help of Jaret.

Viki Thompson Wylder reported on increasing the awards for the Summer Annual - \$300 for 1st, \$150 for 2nd, \$50 for honorable mention. And creating a new emerging artist and a jurors mention award for each category. We will ask the membership about raising the price to enter the Summer Annual from \$10 to \$15.

Special Account – There is \$402.85 in the account.

Image Registry – Linda Horton Dodson and her husband continue to help members on getting their images on the flickr account. Next meeting she will talk to the membership on how to do it

themselves.

Glass Guild – Bob Jones reported there was no December meeting.

Paper Guild – Lolita Gomez reported that there was no activity with the guild, hopefully next month they will meet.

Sketchcrawlers – Mark Fletcher reported there will be an exhibit at the Tallahassee Museum Feb 13 during the Matinee of the Arts. The world-wide sketchcrawl is scheduled for Jan 23.

Meet -up Group – Marie Thompson reported on the show at Black Dog Cafe during the month of February. Opening night is Feb 10. Deadline to turn in application is tonight.

New Business

Viki Thompson Wylder reported that we will have 2 workshops this year at the museum, Origami on Feb 2, and Pastels on March 22.

Viki also announced the Annual Chair Potluck scheduled for January 26 from 7 to 9pm at the museum.

General Membership Meeting: 7:00 – 7:25

New Members – Ben Lawson and Judy Boettcher.

Announcements – Ramona Abernathy-Paine is teaching a class, Introduction to Weaving.

Committee Announcements –

Terrie Corbett reported on the Top of the Capitol Exhibit: There was good feedback, got lots of visitors and they would like another proposal.

Mariann Kearsley announced that she wants the membership's ideas on attracting new members- suggested bringing a friend to a meeting.

Viki Thompson Wylder reported on the membership drive (see Committee Chairs Meeting notes). A vote was taken on increasing the entry fee for the Summer Annual, and it passed.

Marie Thompson reported that the entries for the exhibit at Black Dog Cafe ends tonight.

Terrie Corbett reported on the Laura Jones Award of Excellence. This is a special award - for a special individual. We may or may not have a recipient every year, however, on those years when one is selected, it will be presented at the Summer Annual.

Last October, our first recipient was Mark Fletcher. We decided to present it on the 22nd Floor of the Capitol at the *Encore! Of Vision and Variety* exhibition during the 'Meet the Artist Event', in honor of Laura Jones who had worked in the Capitol for the House of Representatives and a great supporter of the arts.

Barbara Psimas talked about Bill Humphries designing a quarter sheet handout.

Viki Thompson Wilder talked about the brochures for the League that have been updated with help of Bill Humphries.

Linda Dodson talked about the League being on the Chamber of Commerce list, sending info in the COCA email blast and writing an article on the membership drive for the newspaper.

Bob Jones talked about getting a league member who is a public school art teacher to contact other art teachers with information on joining the League.

Mariann Kearsley talked about making a poster every month before the meeting and putting them up all around FSU, with the help of Jaret.

Jaret Madei sends out letters to graduating artists about the League.

Barbara Psimas submitted a theme for the 30 year anniversary Summer Annual - "Nudes". It was approved by the membership.

Marie Thompson spoke about the creative professionals Meet-up Group (meetup.com) which she started. It was voted to sponsor them in using the museum once a month to meet.

Mark Fletcher reported there will be an exhibit at the Tallahassee Museum Feb 13 during the Matinee of the Arts. The world-wide sketchcrawl is scheduled for Jan 23.

Member Spotlight 7:35 – 7:50

Mark Fletcher talked about his method, his different approaches to his art forms (drawing, painting, poetry, sculpture) and how his connection to his past is present in all his art.

Program 7:50 – 9:00

Hilary Eddy Stipelman, Director of Outreach and Exhibitions at the Anne Frank Center in New York City talked about her work with the Center and gave us a tour of the exhibition, Anne Frank, A History for Today.