

DRAFT
WASH Board Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2021
1:30 p.m.
via Zoom

Attending:

Ralph Wilson
Alyslynn Lemke
Tana Smith
Sally Bostley
Nancy Wedick
Edward Bostley
Cindy Farmer
Kaye Lochridge
Jan Curry
Sandie Mele
Gary Mele
Diane Pargament

Absent:

President: Ralph Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by WASH President Ralph Wilson. Ralph discussed the issues currently facing the organization. He reported that there was a meeting between WASH, NCA and SacFine Arts to allocate money to livestream meetings and money for receptions. Nancy reported that the Open Show reception is squared away for 5:30 Saturday, masks required. There will be coffee and punch and cookies that look like art palettes with the WASH logo. Helen Plenert has a show in the foyer.

For the meeting live streaming WASH allocated up to \$2500 to be divided three ways between NCA, SacArts and WASH and the other groups each allocated \$1500 split three ways. Ralph sought help from a young man who has helped live stream a church. The main issues are internet speed is not good enough for quality live streaming. Ralph asked Angelia to find out how much it would cost to upgrade that. The second issue is finding someone with technical ability who can be at all the meetings alternating with NCA as well. At this point we are waiting to find out the cost for increasing internet speed. Until that is resolved we won't be purchasing any equipment. Cindy asked what is the plan if we are not able to live stream future meetings, as none of the upcoming presenters are able to do Zoom presentations. We have an in person demonstration for October and Tana is planning for an in person meeting. Ralph said we will have live meetings through October and November as we will not have the expertise to do live streaming by that time.

Minutes: Diane Pargament

Minutes from the August 2, 2021, meeting were distributed electronically by Secretary Diane Pargament and reviewed before the meeting. Minutes were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer: Edward Bostley

Edward Bostley sent a written report in advance and read it into the minutes as set out below.

Treasurer's August Financial Report

As of August 31, 2021, the total income for the month is \$1,243.28. This includes \$100.00 for four paid memberships in July, \$1,093.28 entry fees received for the fall open show, and \$50.00 for the Flynn award.

The total expense for the month is \$1,569.17. This includes \$250.00 for the August demonstrator, \$288.26 for the fall open catalogue, \$250.00 for the judging of the show entry acceptances, \$314.00 for the judging and expenses for the fall show awards, and \$466.91 for certificates, embossing press, postage and tax.

The expenses are in excess of income leaving a deficit for the month of \$325.89. With the rollover from July of \$20,772.36, the current balance is \$20,446.47 increasing the overall deficit for the period of January 1 through August 31 of \$2,567.46.

The bank records a balance of \$21,513.38 but is unaware of five outstanding checks in the amount of \$1,066.91. When this amount is deducted from the bank balance both balances reconcile each other exactly.

The student scholarship program continues to carry a deficit of \$1,050.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Bostley, Treasurer

Ralph asked if expenditure and receipts balance and are we making a little money. Ed replied that we could only speculate losing approximately in excess of \$300 per month but he does not have all the figures in for outstanding transactions. Alyslynn reported that we usually receive several donations during the reception — last year it was \$250 from people who just put money in the tip jar. She reported we are way ahead as far as the Open Show goes.

SFAC Liaison: Nancy Wedick

Nancy reported that the Center is receiving a new copy machine. There will be a new employee, Haley, at the Center on Saturdays instead of Angelia. A new feature of the SFAC website is a member can promote shows they are participating in and their own work under member announcements. The Animal House reception was full. There will be a change in what SFAC charges for studio rental for events and workshops; fees to be paid in full at the time of reservation. Will not be able to get a refund unless requested six months ahead. Nancy felt if we're still in pandemic mode after the first of the year they may not institute this change. Cindy brought up the fact she is working on a contract with Iain Stewart for next June and this will affect us if we have to pay in full or if workshops have to cancel. Ed said he did not know the reasoning for this but we would have to pay in advance. Nancy reported that this change does not affect contracts already signed during the COVID period. She feels this will not affect us for a year. Tana asked how much would we lose if this went into effect; Ed replied for a three-day workshop it approaches approximately \$600 at \$35 per hour. Discussion followed and the general consensus was that we were not happy with this change. Nancy said she would report that back to SFAC.

Membership: Sally Bostley

Sally reported we have 148 members as of the meeting date with a few renewals.

Scholarship: Kaye Lochridge and Jan Curry

We don't have much accumulated to start ticket sales for the scholarship. Ralph will ask at the September meeting for members to bring donations for scholarship fundraising in October.

Newsletter: Sandie Mele

The newsletter has been emailed out. Due date for newsletter is the 5th of each month. Please let Sandie know of any input. Next deadline is October 5.

Workshops: Cindy Farmer

The Iain Stewart workshop was cancelled by Iain as he is not currently traveling. He agreed to do a demonstration for us at our September meeting via Zoom. The workshop is planned to be rescheduled for June 2022. Ted Nuttall workshop is still scheduled for next March. Cindy is negotiating with Kathrine Lemke Waste for a September 2022 two-day workshop. Hopefully we will get back to making money for our workshops. Cindy will save the signup sheet for the Iain Stewart workshop for next year along with a waiting list for that workshop.

Programs: Tana Smith

September - Iain Stewart
October - Karen Cramer
November - Carol Hawkins

Tana said that she is not able to do the technical aspect of the in-person projection and asked who is trained to do that. Ralph suggested talking with Jo Kopp. He said others have been trained but not sure if they will come out during COVID. Ralph skipped to the Nominating Committee report. See below.

Show Committee: Alyslynn Lemke

Alyslynn reported that the show looks good and hopes we will get some sales. She said she starts preparing for the next show right after a current show closes. If someone else wants to train she can do that and she will start the prep for the next show. Ralph brought up a question about rewards and the balance of awards to the number of paintings in the show at 21 awards and 75 paintings. Much discussion followed. Alyslynn said the number of awards has been set for a number of years, with the exception of sponsor and judges awards. The consensus was that the number of awards created a feeling of inclusiveness for people entering and was typical of the number of awards generally given. There was also discussion about the amount of money for each award, which ranges from \$300 for the top award to the named awards which are sponsored and we do not have to pay for that. Gift certificates for Awards of Merit are \$50 and \$30 for honorable mention. Ralph asked for opinions whether this amount of money seems right for the various awards. Consensus was these awards seem fine.

Painting of the Month/Year: Alyslynn Lemke

Ralph said we would have to be thinking about Painting of the Month once we have in person meetings. Ralph stated he would discuss the future of the Painting of the Month with Alyslynn.

Webmaster: Gary Mele

Gary had no report

New Business:

There was no new business discussed.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee: Tana has been chairing the committee. Ralph stated that two main positions were coming vacant, the Show Committee and President. He asked the Board for opinions on how to best deal with the transition. Tana reported it is difficult to even get people to respond to requests about being on the Board. She proposed we stop having shows if we cannot have a show chair, that WASH provides many other benefits besides shows. Nancy suggested that the reality of not having a show chair should be brought to the members. Cindy suggested we may need to expand the Board to include co-chairs for some committees. Also, should have a designated Vice President who would move into the President's position. Discussion followed regarding difficulty of stepping into a Board position cold without training. Sally said there used to be an orientation every year using the Policies and Procedures manual for all new people which spells out what is expected. Discussion followed. Ralph said that we do have a system in our bylaws for progression on the Board. Ralph said he would talk about this with members at the September Zoom meeting. It was suggested we might send out a letter to members. Tana suggested having a members show only where members hand deliver paintings rather than online entries. Alyslynn said the online entries are much easier and take fewer people than hand delivering. Discussion followed. Ralph suggested co-chairs for the show.

Ralph adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.
Next Board meeting will be October 4, 2021.
Respectfully submitted, Diane Pargament, Secretary