



Sacramento Fine Arts Center
 5330-B Gibbons Drive
 Carmichael, CA 95608

WASH Board Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2021
1:30 p.m.
via Zoom

Attending:

Ralph Wilson
 Alyslynn Lemke
 Tana Smith
 Nancy Wedick
 Cindy Farmer
 Sandie Mele
 Gary Mele
 Diane Pargament

Absent:

Sally Bostley
 Edward Bostley

President: Ralph Wilson

WASH President Ralph Wilson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Ralph reported he is working on having the members' meeting both in person and on Zoom. Angelia is setting this up. The video won't be as good as it would be with better cameras and faster wifi, but it will allow people to attend via Zoom. Tana said she has asked Angelia to send out an e-blast saying the meeting will be both in person and via Zoom. This will be the plan for this month and next and in January we will reevaluate where we are.

Minutes: Diane Pargament

Minutes from the September 6, 2021, meeting were distributed electronically by Secretary Diane Pargament and reviewed before the meeting. Minutes were accepted as submitted.

Show Committee: Alyslynn Lemke

Ralph thanked Alyslynn for putting on the Open Show. Alyslynn said that we sold some paintings. In answer to a question she said one painting sold at the reception and one on the first day of the show. Everything is now down and most everything picked up.

Treasurer: Edward Bostley

Edward Bostley sent a written report in advance of leaving for his fabulous trip to France and was read into the record by Ralph:

As of September 30, 2021, the income for the month is \$150.00. This includes \$100.00 for four paid memberships and a \$50.00 donation from Image of Light for the Fall Open show award.

The expense for the month is \$1,638.00. This includes \$375.00 for the demonstrator's fee, \$363.00 for the gallery rental, and \$900.00 for the Fall Open show awards.

The expenses are in excess of income leaving a deficit of \$1,488.00 for September.

With the rollover of \$20,446.47 from August, the balance for the month is \$18,958.47. The bank records the balance as \$19,508.47 but is unaware of five outstanding checks in the amount of \$550.00. When this amount is subtracted from the bank balance both sums are equally reconciled.

Income from January 1 to September 30 is \$5,887.75 and expenses for the same period is \$9,943.21 leaving a deficit of \$4,055.46 for the nine month period.

The Art Scholar fund continues to carry a deficit of \$1,050.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Bostley

Ralph had hoped for a report on expenses and income for Open Show but did not have that yet.

Membership: Sally Bostley

Sally reported from France that we had one new member for a total of 147.

Scholarship: Kaye Lochridge and Jan Curry

Kaye and Jan were not present. Ralph reported that we need raffle prizes for our in-person meeting and asked Board members to bring to the next meeting. He said that he is expecting about half of the normal attendance at the meeting. Ralph will send out an email asking everyone to wear masks to the meeting, and Tana commented that our demonstrator has asked that everyone wear a mask.

SFAC Liaison: Nancy Wedick

As of our Board meeting, the SFAC had not met for the month.

Newsletter: Sandie Mele

Sandie reported she has received a couple of newsletter articles. Deadline was October 5.

Webmaster: Gary Mele

Gary had no report

Workshops: Cindy Farmer

Cindy has again talked with Susan Jochheim, president of the Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society. They agreed to share travel expenses for Iain Stewart next spring, including parking and travel to the airport, plane, etc. Santa Clara has been able to work out doing workshops and demos in person and via Zoom and have helped others doing this and could be a resource for us. All of their demos and workshops are also posted on YouTube. Susan will send Cindy information on getting up and running on Zoom.

Programs: Tana Smith

October - Karen Cramer
November - Carol Hawkins

We are ready for Karen Cramer to present her demo on October 11, in person. Jo Kopp will take over setting up equipment but needs someone to lift heavy equipment that she cannot handle. Ralph will send out an email asking for someone. There is no technical requirement, just helping with the physical setup. Ralph said that the SFAC now has equipment to live stream meetings and that Jo is learning this. Tana needs suggestions for demonstrators next year and the year after. Please email her with suggestions.

Painting of the Month/Year: Alyslynn Lemke

See Old Business.

Hospitality: Cindy Spittcock

Cindy has asked for anything brought to the meeting to be wrapped individually in cellophane. Ralph will include this request in his email.

New Business:

There was no new business discussed.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee:

This has been a difficult year to recruit new Board members but we are gaining on finding people to volunteer. Ralph did a Power Point presentation.

Ralph's first point covered his reason and rationale for his long letter to members since he received negative feedback on it. He stated he hoped to get people thinking, and research has shown that longer letters work better than shorter ones. Chris Knopp has volunteered to be co-president. Chris has exhibited in some of our shows and has attended some meetings. He has a management and leadership background. He exhibits at a co-op gallery in Placerville. Ralph will send out another email in an effort to find another person to serve with Chris.

Treasurer: Ed Bostley will be stepping down after serving eight years as WASH Treasurer. Ralph asked for ideas about a replacement. Tana suggested asking Ed to stay on until we find a new treasurer. Ralph stated he has not gotten that far and will discuss with Ed when he returns from his trip, but feels we do need to recruit a new treasurer. Tana suggested asking at the general meeting.

Painting of the Month: This is not a Board position but is very important. Ralph appointed Alyslynn through the end of the year, and then the Board would determine the shape of the POM as we resume in person meetings in early 2022. This would possibly involve in-person framed paintings, a digital POM or other. This would be for the new Board to consider.

Social Media/Mail Chimp: Helen Plenert has asked to be relieved when we get someone to replace her. This is not a Board position but is filled by appointment by the Board.

Show Committee: Ralph will chair a meeting in early January to discuss a show committee, with David Peterson participating with his knowledge of how to put on a show. Ralph has heard from a few members who are willing to participate. Ralph will use the Policy and Procedures to explain what slots we will need and to help attendees pick where they best fit. Susy Soulies will do the SmarterEntry. Nancy Wedick will also

have a limited role. Ralph will ask for someone to volunteer to coordinate these efforts, and the new chair will be voted on by members in January or February.

Tana said she has the names of four people willing to help, in addition to Wyleta who appears to be willing to continue what she has been doing. Cindy suggested a volunteer orientation meeting for anyone wanting to help out WASH in general and talk about how to reenergize the organization and step up to help. Ralph will recommend at the October meeting to tell members where we are and what we need to fill and will send a site for voting in November. More discussion followed.

Additional Comments: Ralph had a discussion with Alyslynn regarding the Show Chair. Tana asked for ideas for demonstrators. Cindy said this is a difficult to put together a new board because we are not all ready to step up and go back to in-person meetings. She asked who Chris Knopp would want for his co-chair, and Ralph said he did not know. Nancy said it is important to have a volunteer meeting for anyone willing to help out WASH.

Ralph adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.
Next Board meeting will be November 1, 2021.
Respectfully submitted, Diane Pargament, Secretary