Tarpon Springs Art Association General Meeting February 2, 2015

- The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Sherry Orr. All guests and new members were welcomed.
- <u>Secretary's Report</u>: The January meeting minutes are on the table in the back of the room and available on the TSAA web site.
- Treasurer's Report: The bank balance is \$4397.72
- <u>Membership & Newsletter</u>: TSAA membership is 158 plus today's new members. Information for the newsletter is due 2/18. Pictures for the 2016 Calendar are to be sent to Patsy by early March. Additional 2014 directories are available on the table in the back of the room.
- **Programs:** Jane Lawson reported that the Plein Aire group is meeting in February on Fridays at 9:30 am at the Dunedin open air market. Joyce Lazzara will do an oil demo at today's meeting and she will have a workshop this month at Craig Park. Jane will notify members of the date and registration will be at the Recreation Center. A calendar of Lee Albion's artwork, created by her son, circulated the room for all to appreciate

<u>Sunshine:</u> A condolence card was sent to Yiota Theofanus on the loss of her husband. The membership sang Happy Birthday to Chris Tagaris in honor of her upcoming 95th birthday. **Venues:**

Florida Capitol Bank - openings available through September and interested members can sign up with Sharon Chandler.

Performing Arts Center - some space in available in the summer and signup sheets available on the table in the back of the room.

Florida Hospital North (Helen Ellis Hospital) - Christina Davy and Lynn Kopala are the coordinators and members can contact them to sign up. Christina encouraged all members to volunteer to help with all the association activities and venues.

Special Events: Heather Risley reviewed a new venue opportunity at the Artists' Faire Gallery. Every other month 25 artists can sign up to enter a people's choice art show that concludes with a reception and award. Artwork must be wired for hanging and not exceed 18"X24", excluding the frame. The first event is scheduled for registration on Monday February 16 at 10:00am. The gallery will receive 20% of all sales. More information is available in the newsletter. The art mentoring program at the Boys & Girls Club, initiated by TSAA from a grant received from Wal-Mart, began in January. The plan and calendar for the remaining classes is complete and a signup sheet to participate in this fun program is available in the back of the room.

Artist of the Month: Carol Loiacono

<u>New Business</u>: Congratulation to Heather Risley for being selected as the featured artist at the 2015 Art on the Bayou event. This event is March 28 & 29 and volunteer signup sheets are available in the back of the room. More details and information will be forthcoming in the next meeting and the newsletter

Announcements: Sherri Edell shared that she is available to create cards for any members artwork. Jim Throne announced there is a One Day Paint Out scheduled March 14 in Palm Harbor. Information and registration is available in the back of the room.

<u>Adjournment</u>: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. Minutes respectively submitted by Bess King, Secretary.