

**Tarpon Springs Art Association General Meeting  
November 2, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Sherry Orr. All guests and new members were welcomed.

**Secretary's Report:** The last meeting minutes are available on the TSAA web site and a few copies are available on the table in the back of the room.

**Treasurer's Report:** The bank balance is \$1712.78.

**Membership & Newsletter:** Our membership is currently 145 members. Please submit all articles and information for the newsletter to Patsy by November 18. Patsy requests that only pictures or articles for the newsletter be emailed to her. TSAA calendars are available for \$12.

**Programs:** Jane Lawson reported that the Plein Aire group will meet on Fridays at 9:30 am at Edgewater Park in Dunedin for the month of November. Jane encourages all members to join this group and praised its opportunity for camaraderie with others artists and to provide a safe environment for painting, photography, and/or sketching. Lionel Sanchez will present a watercolor demo today and conduct a workshop on Friday November 13 in the Craig Park recreation center. All interested members should sign up as soon as possible at the front desk of the Tarpon Springs Recreation Center. Jane also encouraged members to suggest and procure artists to provide future workshops and assume the responsibility of coordinating the event. Please contact Jane if you can assist in this way.

**Sunshine:** TSAA sent a sympathy card to Mary Beth McDonell.

**Venues:**

Florida Capitol Bank - coordinated by Sharon Chandler and 2016 is available for sign up in 2 month increments.

Performing Arts Center - next space availability is June - November 2016.

Florida Hospital North (Helen Ellis Hospital) - Christina Davy, Petera Sempler, and Lynn Kopala are the coordinators and members can contact them to sign up. Lynn reviewed the requirements and process to hang the art at the hospital and they will be detailed in the newsletter. Tom Witman volunteered to assist in this venue.

Yard of Ale - Frank Hipp, Tom Witman and Lynn Kapala are the coordinators. Lynn reviewed their process and the restaurant provides a buyers incentive with a gift card. Contact Lynn Kapala for details on this venue.

**Special Events** The TSAA public service project of painting the Rose Cemetery wall is complete and thank you to the team work of the volunteers. Heather encouraged members to visit the cemetery and view the wall. The People's Choice Art Show at the Artist's Faire Gallery was a success, with 22 participants. Congratulations to Patsy Renz, her artwork was voted for first place. Work is in progress for the April 2016 Tarpon Springs Plein Aire event and Heather encourages any members interested in helping to plan this event to contact her.

**Artist of the Month:** Arlene Richardson

**New Business:** A volunteer signup sheet is circulated for the upcoming December Winter Art Show. Contact Sherry Orr if you want to enter the show but have a scheduling conflict and she will coordinate arrangements to assure your art is registered. TSAA members are permitted to sell used or unwanted art items/supplies before the meeting and/or during the break.

Effective January 2016 the following guidelines will be implemented in the venue sign up process: Each year members can sign up one time per venue. Members cannot sign up for multiple venues at the same time. These guidelines will increase sign up opportunities for more members.

**Announcements:**

Petera Semple announced that the open painting at Craig Park has moved from Wednesday to Tuesday, 9am to noon. and encourages members to attend. Sherry Edell shared that she procured another venue to display art at a Physical Therapy site in Lutz. Contact Sherry for details and she also is available to make a cards for individual members.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Minutes respectively submitted by Bess King, Secretary.