

**Tarpon Springs Art Association General Meeting
February 1, 2016**

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 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 \$2217.97

Membership & Newsletter: TSAA membership is 102 paid up members. Information for the newsletter is due 2/18. TSAA calendars are available for \$10.

Programs: Jane Lawson reported that the Plein Aire group is meeting Fridays at 9:30 am at Crystal Beach and Ozona. There is the opportunity for 10 members to Plein Aire paint at Innisbrook on February 12. Sign up is available in the back of the room. Patricia Garrow will present a watercolor demo at today's meeting and Carol Loiocano will conduct a mixed media workshop on Friday, February 5 in Craig Park. Registration for the workshop is at the front desk of the Tarpon Springs community center.

Sunshine: Chris Tagaris said there is nothing to report this month.

Venues:

Florida Capitol Bank - signup with Sharon Chandler.

Performing Arts Center - due to construction this venue will not be available until March.

Florida Hospital North (Helen Ellis Hospital) Coordinators Lynn Kopala, Petera Semple and Tom Witman
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Special Events: Heather reported that the Artist Faire Gallery People's Choice Award event will be February 13 - 26 and the roster sign up is full. The awards presentation and reception is 5pm February 26 at the gallery. She encouraged all to register early for the Paint and Photo Tarpon Springs event scheduled for April 12 - 16. Registration information is available in the back of the room.

Artist of the Month: Teri Gonzalas

Old Business: The next mentoring program at the Boys & Girls club is February 9 and volunteers are welcome to participate in this TSAA community outreach program.

New Business: The following is the slate of nominees for the 2016-2017 board.

President: Yvonne James

Vice- President: Frank Hipp

Secretary: Bess King

Treasurer: Wendy Davis

Voting for the board will occur at the March general meeting.

The following have volunteered for areas of responsibility: Workshops and demos- Jane Lawson, Teri Gonzalas:

Membership/Newsletter- Patsy Renz: Artist of the Month- Kathy Detrano: Refreshments-Ann Clark: special Events - Heather Risley: Publicity - Sherry Orr: Winter Show Chair- Sherry Orr: Boys&Girls Club-Heather Risley, Sherry Orr:

Volunteers are needed to chair the annual Spring Picnic and the Art on the Bayou event.

After discussion, it was agreed that the judged art show rules will state that art work winning a People's Choice award, Best of Show award, or a First, Second, or Third award cannot be entered into a TSAA show for the next 2 years. This rule does not include the Artist of the Month or an Honorable Mention award. The board will finalize the official wording and include it in the membership rules.

Announcements: Patricia Watts discussed the opening of her new gallery and further information is available in the back of the room. Maria Reza, president of the Tarpon Springs Chamber of Commerce requested TSAA participation in a new program called the Dolphin Trail that begins in Clearwater. A 6 foot fiberglass dolphin has been purchased and will be decorated and placed in a location in Tarpon Springs. A positive response was expressed by the membership and a follow-up coordination meeting will be announced.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Minutes respectively submitted by Bess King, Secretary.