

**Tarpon Springs Art Association General Meeting
March 7, 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 February 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 \$1490.23

Membership & Newsletter: TSAA membership is 120 paid up members. Information for the newsletter is due 3/18. TSAA calendars are available for \$10.

Programs: Jane Lawson reported that the Plein Aire group is meeting Fridays at 9:30 am at the Sponge Docks, Tarpon Springs. Kathy Detrano will demo background and establish values with various mediums at today's meeting.

Sunshine: Chris Tagaris said a Get Well card was sent to Patsy Renz.

Venues:

Florida Capitol Bank - signup with Sharon Chandler.

Performing Arts Center – is now open and available for displaying art again. Heather announced that Trish Gregory sold a photography piece recently and this remains a popular venue.

Florida Hospital North (Helen Ellis Hospital) Coordinators Lynn Kopala, Petera Semple and Tom Witman – Lynn provided information to interested members and was available for sign up at Florida Hospital North and Yard of Ale.

Yard of Ale - Lynn Kopala and Tom Witman coordinators.

Special Events: Heather reported that the Artist Faire Gallery People's Choice Award event was a success and over 200 votes submitted by the public. She encouraged all to register now for the Paint and Photo Tarpon Springs event scheduled for April 12 - 16. Registration information is available in the back of the room. In addition, this year there will be a special Friends of Brooker Creek award. Heather shared that the Tarpon Springs First Friday, a new event, requested TSAA painters to participate April 1 by painting at sites around town. More information is available from Heather. Keith Martin Johns, a renowned artist and former Tarpon Springs resident, will have a two-day oil painting workshop March 19 & 20 and a 3 hour Fun Paint Night March 18. Details of these events are available in the back of the room and from Heather.

Artist of the Month: Anneka Hulstein. Thanks to Kathy Detrano for all her work each month for this activity.

Old Business: The next mentoring program at the Boys & Girls club is March 8 and volunteers are welcome to participate in this TSAA community outreach program. A end of year reception for the children and their families will be held at the club on April 26, 4:30 to 5:30pm.

New Business: Jane Lawson introduced the slate of nominees for the 2016-2017 board and the members voted them into office.

President: Yvonne James

Vice- President: Frank Hipp

Secretary: Bess King

Treasurer: Wendy Davis

A signup sheet circulated asking for volunteers for the annual Spring Picnic and the Art on the Bayou event. Sherry Orr encouraged all members interested in submitting a design for the Tarpon Springs Dolphin contact her or Heather and the deadline is March 10. TSAA has submitted 4 designs. She also noted there are currently 4 members of TSAA on the Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee. Several art projects are initiated by this committee and information is available online.

Announcements: Jim Throne stated that the plein aire event in Palm Harbor was cancelled due to lack of registration.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:02p.m. Minutes respectively submitted by Bess King, Secretary.