

**Tarpon Springs Art Association General Meeting
September 12, 2016**

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

Secretary's Report: The meeting minutes will be available on the TSAA web site.

Treasurer's Report: The bank balance is \$2204.51

Membership & Newsletter: No report.

Programs: Jane Lawson reported that the Plein Aire group will resume meeting in October on Fridays at 9:30 am. Location to be announced soon. At the October meeting, Patsy Renz will conduct a "Natural Art" demo and a workshop is planned for November. Jane encouraged members to consider taking over as the program coordinator and she would assist as needed. Contact Jane if you are interested.

Sunshine: No report.

Venues:

Florida Capitol Bank - signup with Sharon Chandler.

Performing Arts Center – a sign-up sheet is available in the back of the room.

Florida Hospital North (Helen Ellis Hospital Lynn Kopala coordinator, requests a volunteer to assist her in this venue. The hospital requires two coordinators.

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Special Event: Heather Risley stated the Tarpon Springs Plein Aire event held in April was a success with 61 participants, \$2800 in prize money awarded, and the TSAA made a profit. Also, Joe Palmerio will conduct a 3 day oil painting workshop at Brooker Creek. Details of the workshop are available in the newsletter and by contacting Heather. TSAA will offer a \$50 scholarship to offset the registration fee for current TSAA members. .

Artist of the Month: Nick Sacriponte.

Old Business: None

New Business: Yvonne James announced that Heather Risley received a well-deserved recognition award from the Tarpon Springs Chamber of Commerce for her continued efforts to promote the arts. All present congratulated Heather and thanked her for commitment to promoting TSAA. Heather invited Michelle Wagner and Philipp Beau representing Bright Community Trust to discuss their ideas and plans for a mixed use community development on Safford Ave. They plan to focus on the arts and consider it a benefit to the art community and to Tarpon Springs overall. They discussed the possibility of space for art studios, classrooms, and galleries. All members interested in pursuing this venture were encouraged to sign up in the back of the room. Look for further information as it unfolds.

Announcements: Fran McClean announced the opening of Gateway Gallery & Emporium, and invited all to attend. Also an Art Studio is opening and will be available for interested instructors to rent spaced. Both facilities are located in New Port Richey and literature was available in the back of the room

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.
Minutes respectively submitted by Bess King, Secretary.