

Meeting convened at 1 PM EST via Zoom by Lynn Pierson, President. 18 members were present.

- **President's opening remarks** covered Zoom housekeeping. General Membership Meeting minutes are only posted on TSAA's website, not the Facebook page.
- **New Member:** Beth Cohen introduced herself as a new member. She remarked she had only attended the last physical meeting we held.
- **Secretary's Report:** Lynn Kopala, Secretary, reported that October General Meeting minutes had been approved, and thanked Sherry Orr for taking them in her absence. Lynn Kopala noted that the TARPON SPRINGS ART ASSOCIATION Facebook page is also up to date. Many members have joined the page over the past month. The Artist of the Month competition has attracted many on line visitors.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Sue McCubbin, Treasurer, reported that the coffer received dues and a donation during October. The President remarked that a "job description" for the Treasurer service position will be included in the next newsletter and TSAA internet site. Sue announced she will step down from the position at the end of this program year.
- **Newsletter and Membership:** Patsy Renz reported that TSAA is 95 members strong currently. She reminded the meeting attendees that she needs material for the newsletter by November 18.
- **Programs:** Sherry Orr, Programs, said she had reached Lee Albion's son with positive results regarding Ms. Albion perhaps giving a demonstration in the future. No date has been set. Interest has been expressed by others in providing demonstrations. Sherry asked that she be sent names of those who are interested.
- **Paint and Photograph Tarpon Springs 2021:** Sherry Orr is forming a working group and has convened its first meeting ahead of the Paint and Photograph Tarpon Springs 2021, which will, we hope, be held in October 2021. The next meeting of volunteers will be on December 8 outdoors at Craig Park. We need volunteers.
- **Venues:**
- Hampton Inn. Heather Risley reported that paintings are needed for display for 3 months at a time at the Hampton Inn. They prefer works featuring Tarpon Springs, or at least Florida. Heather also said that she has space for artists at the Chamber of Commerce starting in January. Please get in touch with her if interested.
- Valley Bank: Lynn Kopala stated that the exchange of work at Valley Bank will occur during the first week of November. Vacancies begin in February 2021 at Valley Bank. Contact Lynn Kopala if you are interested in showing 9 pieces for approximately 8 weeks during 2021.
- AdventHealth Hospital: Lynn Kopala reported that she is attempting to contact the hospital regarding the status of work there.
- Tarpon Springs Library: Mary Silvia, venue coordinator, hopes to hear after the first of the year regarding TSAA display space there.

"Sunshine" service position: Lynn Kopala reminded the membership that she will be happy to send greeting cards to those whom members believe would be heartened.

OLD BUSINESS

- Because of COVID 19, there are no venues available for a live art show in December. Therefore, in lieu of an exhibition, TSAA will hold a December General Membership meeting. We will feature a "Show and Tell", so that artists can share their work. There was a suggestion made that some means be found to put work on an electronic platform rather than to hold them up to each camera. However, unless this is successfully followed up, then artists will each bring their work to the Zoom meeting and hold it up to their camera.
- It was announced that AdventHealth's Health and Wellness Fair has once again been postponed. It may take place in May 2021.
- **ARTIST OF THE MONTH:** Voting was tallied for the pictures posted to Facebook. The Artist of the Month competition winner was Picture # 2. This turned out to be Trish Gregory's digitally altered art photograph, "Bayou Bistro." This work will become the masthead of TSAA's Facebook page. Sherry Orr will work with Trish to write a "featured artist" article on Trish's work. Congratulations, Trish.
- All artists who submitted to Artist of the Month were thanked. Voting was very competitive, and many positive comments were received about the works. It was moved and seconded to forgo having an Artist of the Month competition in November. The motion carried. The topic of Artist of the Month will be revisited in January by TSAA's Board.
- **TSAA and Technology:** The President observed that we should tap into the membership to identify members who have technical expertise with Information Technology and programs. TSAA could better take advantage of distance meetings and other existing platforms like the website and Facebook page if members who are adept at these media could help develop our capabilities. We also need backup for those already involved.
- **Member News:** Heather Risley mentioned that member Arlene Richardson has a show at Tarpon Art Guild in November and urged her fellow members to view it.

There being no further business, President Lynn Pierson adjourned the General Meeting at 1:45.

Program: Following the formal meeting, members were treated to a spectacular and inspiring slide show made and narrated by Sherry Orr, "Plein Air Painting on Monhegan Island."

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Lynn Kopala.