

Tarpon Springs Art Association General Meeting

May 5, 2014

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 April 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 \$3329.63. Terri Gonzalez reported that PayPal enabled us to sell paintings via credit card that otherwise would not have sold. Next year we will need additional members to participate in making PayPal available on their phones.

Membership & Newsletter: Patsy Renz reported the paid membership is 140. Reminder cards will be mailed out prior to the September meeting and the current Directory is available on the table in the back of the room.

Programs: Jane Lawson reported that the Plein Air group is meeting in May on Friday's at 9:30 a.m. at the end of Roosevelt St. in Tarpon Springs. Lee Albion will do a watercolor demo today on "how to make a figure out of a blob" and has a workshop scheduled 1pm-4pm at the Community Center on Monday, May 12. Jane encouraged members to consider assisting her in chairing the Program committee. Responsibilities include scheduling demo's at the monthly meetings and approximately 3 workshops during the year. Everyone thanked Jane for the excellent work she does in providing programs for the membership. Although Jane will continue to coordinate the annual art show and judging a volunteer is needed to coordinate the food and beverages for the picnic.

SunshineChris reported she received thank you cards from the Tarpon Springs library for the art books donated in memory of Vernon Good and Kathy Rabold.

Venues:

Florida Capitol Bank - Sharon reported there are 6 wall hooks now available that hold up to 75# each. Sign up is available in the back of the room.

Performing Arts Center - Heather reported they just hung a beautiful show last week and there are a few spots available in July and August. Also two members, Petera Semple and Wendy Davis, each sold a piece of art.

Florida Hospital North (Helen Ellis Hospital) - Yiota reported this venue is again available to the association and the process has tightened up. Art pick up and take down will occur on the same day at a scheduled time, specifically the 3rd Tuesday of every other month at 11:00 am. We have 10 permanent hooks that accommodate 16X20 frames or larger so 2 artists can display 5 paintings each. Additional information is available from Yiota or Sue Whalen and sign up is available in the back of the room.

Special Events: We had a successful Bayou Art Show in April and after reviewing member's feedback some changes will be made next year, including a change in the size and number of paintings to enter, and providing a central place for art pickup on the last day to avoid the

congested parking situation. We have partnered with Brooker Creek Preserve for the Paint & Photo event this year. It will occur October 7 - 12 and take place at Brooker Creek, thus providing an opportunity to widen our audience and utilize their facilities and resources. In addition, there will be a Tarpon Springs Invitational Paint Out in November, and although it is by invitation only, members can participate in the Quick Draw event. Both of these events will provide exposure for the association and many volunteers will be needed to ensure their success.

Announcements: Ann Clark volunteered to chair the Refreshment Committee and a signup sheet is available in the back of the room. Thank you to Marilyn Dunnigan for coordinating refreshments for today's meeting. The 2014-2015 event calendar for the association is available on the web site. Frank Hipp, Vice-President, will chair the September meeting in Sherry's absence.

Artist of the Month is Kathy Detrano.

New Business: Sue McCubbin presented a special display of three 114 year old charcoal paintings done by her grandmother, Francis Paskins.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Minutes respectively submitted by Bess King, Secretary.

