

Tarpon Springs Art Association General Meeting

March 2, 2015

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 \$4093.74, including \$962.51 of the Wal-Mart Grant and the contribution from the Invitational Paint Out.

Membership & Newsletter: TSAA membership is 123 and expected to increase after receiving the membership renewals. The state and federal tax forms are completed and the Not-for-Profit status is up to date. The newsletter is upgraded and information for the newsletter is due 3/18. Pictures for the 2016 Calendar are to be sent to Patsy by early March.

Programs: Jane Lawson reported that the Plein Aire group is meeting in March on Fridays at 9:30 am at Sunset Beach. Kathy Detrano will do a pastel demo at today's meeting and conduct a workshop on March 12 at the community center. Register at the center and the cost is \$20. The annual art show and picnic is April 6 at the Heritage Center in Craig Park. This year there will be a Paint Out from 9:00-12:00 and a People's Choice ribbon award. Several volunteers are needed to coordinate the picnic and the art registration.

Sunshine: No report this month.

Venues:

Florida Capitol Bank - coordinated by Sharon Chandler.

Performing Arts Center - New work goes up tomorrow and congratulations to Al Sterner on the sale of a painting.

Florida Hospital North (Helen Ellis Hospital) - Christina Davy, Petera Semple, and Lynn Kopala are the coordinators and members can contact them to sign up. Christina discussed the reason for the hospitals current process and encouraged all members to volunteer to help with all the association activities and venues. She is requesting a fourth volunteer to assist in this venue.

Special Events: Heather Risley reviewed the new venue opportunity at the Artists' Faire Gallery. There were 15 artists participation with over 190 people's choice votes from the public. Mary Beth McDonnell had the most votes and received a cash award. The next event will be April 20 - May 1. More information is available in the newsletter. The art mentoring program at the Boys & Girls Club, initiated by TSAA from a grant received from Wal-Mart, began in January. The plan and calendar for the remaining classes is complete and a sign up sheet to participate in this fun program is available in the back of the room.

Artist of the Month: A 3 way tie: Nick Sarcipante, Judy Moakler, and Kathy Detrano.

New Business: The Art on the Bayou event is March 28 & 29 and volunteer sign up sheets are available in the back of the room. Details for the event and participation are in the newsletter. After receiving a request from an Eagle Scout Project, TSAA agreed to participate in a community project that involves painting a design on the white concrete wall at the historic Rose Cemetery. She requested volunteers to submit designs for the wall by the end of May and for volunteers to help paint the wall. Contact Heather for further information. A time for members to sell extra supplies will be available at some meetings beginning in the fall. More information will be available in the future.

Under New business the election of officers was discussed. A call was made for any nominations from the floor. Since there were none a vote was called to approve all the returning officers. Sherry Orr as President, Frank Hipp as Vice President, Terri Gonzalez as treasurer, and Bess King as Secretary. Officers will be installed at the April picnic.

Announcements: Jim Throne reported on the one day Paint Out in Palm Harbor on 3/14. Contact Jim for more information and registration forms are available today.

Pat Rogue reported the Pasco Art Council scheduled a bus trip on 3/23 to the Tampa Art Museum. Contact Pat for further information.

Carol Loiacono reported she will lead a Plein Aire group with lessons on Wednesdays and every other Saturday. More information is available at the back of the room and you can contact Carol.

Sherry thanked all the board members and Kathy Detrano for all their work for the association during the past year.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Minutes respectively submitted by Bess King, Secretary.

