

**Tarpon Springs Art Association General Meeting
January 4, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Sherry Orr. All guests and new members were welcomed. Sherry thanked Ann Clark for coordinating our snack time and thanked all the winter show volunteers.

Secretary's Report: The last meeting minutes are available on the TSAA web site and a few copies are available on the table in the back of the room.

Treasurer's Report: The bank balance is \$993.83

Membership & Newsletter: Our membership is currently 150 members and 44 members joined today. TSAA calendars are now available for \$10.

Programs: Jane Lawson announced that Mitch Kolbe will be presenting an oil painting demo at today's meeting and will have a workshop Friday, January 8, at Craig Park. All interested members should register today at the desk in the community center. Jane is working on confirming the demos for the future meetings.

Sunshine: No report.

Venues:

Florida Capitol Bank - coordinated by Sharon Chandler.

Performing Arts Center - coordinated by Heather Risley, Patsy Renz, and Barbara Hodges.

Florida Hospital North (Helen Ellis Hospital) - coordinated by Lynn Kopala, Petera Semple, and Tom Witman.

Yard of Ale -coordinated by Frank Hipp , Tom Witman and Lynn Kapala.

Special Events The next People's Choice Award at the Artists Faire Gallery is February 13 - 26 and the sign up sheet is in the back of the room. The Tarpon Springs Paint & Photo Event is April 13-16 and all are encouraged to register early. Heather shared that this is an opportunity to celebrate our member's wonderful art and TSAAs involvement promoting art in the community. Members are encouraged to request financial support from businesses they frequent to help finance the event and Heather distributed marketing post cards to the members. Anyone interested in volunteering for this event should contact Heather Risley. Sherry Orr recognized Heather as the TSAA link to the community and thanked her for all her efforts.

Artist of the Month: Trish Gregory.

New Business Guest speaker, Bruce Bergherm, President and CEO of North Pinellas Hospital, discussed the hospital's plans to build a free standing Emergency Room on US 19 in Palm Harbor. The groundbreaking celebration is January 7 at noon and all are invited to attend.

The next program at the Boys & Girls club is January 12 and all are welcome to participate. Sherry Orr shared the budget challenges facing the association and that our registration fees for some of the events do not cover the expenses. The board has recommended raising the Winter Art Show registration from \$10 to \$20, raising the Art on the Bayou registration from \$10 to \$20, and raising the membership dues in 2017 to \$25. After discussion by the membership several ideas for cost savings were presented for the board's consideration.

Announcements:

Pat Roguz announced the upcoming Fine Arts Council sponsored bus trip to the Ringling Museum on February 19. Jim Throne announced that the 2nd Annual One - Day Plein Aire Paint-Out, Curso Rapido, is Saturday Mar 12. Details for these two events are available on the table in the back of the room. Carole Loiacono's plein aire watercolor classes begin January 6. See Carole for the January schedule.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Minutes respectively submitted by Bess King, Secretary.