

## Tarpon Springs Art Association

### General Membership Meeting

February 7, 2022, Held via Zoom

**Meeting Convened** - President Lynn Pierson convened the meeting at 1:06 PM EST. She greeted the eighteen members who attended via Zoom. She welcomed new members Joan Jennings and Amy Fitzgerald.

**Secretary's Report** – The January 2022 General Membership Meeting minutes were sent to members prior to this meeting. Secretary Lynn Hudson Kopala thanked all who had assisted in writing and correcting them. The members present thereafter approved the minutes. They will be posted to TSAA's internet site.

**Treasurer's Report** – Martha Hickey, Treasurer, explained the report displayed for membership perusal. The members present approved the Treasurer's Report.

**Membership and Newsletter** – Patsy Renz affirmed that, as of this meeting, paid calendar year 2022 membership stands at 38. She requested articles for the newsletter.

**Attendance Count for Quorum to Undertake Consideration of Proposed Changes in the TSAA By Laws** – The President determined that the 18 members in good standing attending this meeting via Zoom, out of a total of 38 members in good standing to date, were sufficient to achieve a quorum for conducting business. (*Secretary's reference note: TSAA By Laws Article V Meetings, Section 3: "One fifth of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for business to be conducted by the Association."*)

**Publicity** – Trish Gregory reported that Martha Hickey wrote a press release to promote TSAA's activities, including TSAA's upcoming participation in the Art on the Bayou fair in March.

**Sunshine** – Lynn Hudson Kopala sent the following: 2 cards in December, 2 in January, and 1 to date in February. She reminded members that she will gladly send cards to mark happy occasions as well as other events.

### Venue Updates –

- **Tarpon Springs Public Library:** Lynn Pierson reported that The Friends of the Library meeting room has the photographs by Peggy McCardle and Martha Hickey up through mid-April. Lynn reminded members to check the newsletter for the quarterly change out dates for that space.
- **Chamber of Commerce:** Sherry Orr will manage the changeout on March 28 or March 30. Four artists with five pieces each are needed. 3-dimensional art is suitable as well as hangable art.
- **Performing Arts Center:** Trish Gregory will be changing the works on March 28. She still needs 2 artists, 4 pieces each, no larger than 16" X 20", no glass covering.
- **Valley Bank:** Lynn Hudson Kopala said art will be changed during the first week in March.
- **Hampton Inn:** No changeover until April.

**Member Comment:** *Joan Jennings noted that submissions for the illuminated art boxes at the Sponge Docks will soon be solicited and that additional illuminated boxes will be installed. (The illuminated boxes are a city project. Many TSAA members have had work accepted for display.)*

**Artist of the Month** – Kathy Detrano reminded all that the AOTM submission deadline is February 14. The theme is "Whimsy." The winner will be announced at the March meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

- **Program-Special Events-Outreach.**

Sherry Orr discussed the following:

**Art on the Bayou** – Intake of work will be Friday, March 11. Display will be Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13. Volunteers are needed for all aspects of logistics and display. Artists will also be needed for demonstrations. People who display work must also volunteer to help with logistics and running the booth (tent). Contact Sherry Orr via email.

**April General Membership Meeting** – As has been TSAA’s custom, the April meeting will be a lunch (brown bag) and show. Officers for the 2022-2023 program year will be sworn in.

- **Proposed Amendment of TSAA By Laws.**

In advance of this meeting, the TSAA Executive Board sent members proposed By Laws changes for their consideration as follows.

<b>Proposed TSAA By Laws Language for Vote by TSAA General Membership, February 2022.</b> <b>All proposed changes are to Article IV: Officers.</b>
<i>Section 1, unchanged (from 2021 By Laws text.)</i>
<b>Section 2 President:</b> The responsibility of the President is to perform the duties and functions generally associated with the office of the President; to keep informed on the continued performance of the Executive Board and if, in case of the inability of a member to perform his or her responsibilities and in consultation with the Vice President, select a replacement or substitute.
<b>Section 3 Vice- President:</b> The duty of the Vice President shall be to perform all the functions of the President in her or his absence, disability, or the inability of the president to fulfill her or his term of office. The Vice President is responsible for communicating regularly with venue and event committee Chair/Co-Chairs and update the President of such communications.
<i>(Sections 4, 5 and 6 are unchanged from 2021 By Laws text.)</i>
<b>Section 7: The President and the Vice President shall work in cooperation to fulfill the following organizational responsibilities of the organization:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presiding of the Executive Board and/or the General Meeting</li><li>• appointment of special committees as needed</li><li>• appointment of chair or co-chairs of special committees with the approval of the Executive Board event development and oversight. Such events may include the Paint and Photo Event, Winter Show, Art Festival, Healthy Art Event and Spring Show and Luncheon, or others as suggested by the membership and approved by the Board.</li></ul>

**Action On Amendment of By Laws:** Lynn Pierson, President, called for a motion to accept the changes. It was so moved and seconded. She then called for discussion. There being no discussion, the President called for a vote. **Members present voted unanimously to accept the changes as proposed. The 2022 Membership and By Laws booklet will carry the changed text.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Call for TSAA Member Views To Shape the Future of TSAA.**

**President Lynn Pierson’s Call for Views (From the Agenda):**

“We are at an inflection point regarding how the association should move forward. This is an opportunity for all members to share their thoughts about what is important to them as members. We want everyone to be heard. No decisions will be made today. All comments will be recorded by (Vice President) Sherry Orr and then sent out to the

membership. The March meeting will be our opportunity to discuss the ideas and come up with a sense of how the TSAA should move forward.”

**The President opened the floor to observations by the members.**

All members present were given a chance to voice their views. In summary, the discussion was lively, all participated, and comments were relevant and cogent.

**Comments recorded will be sent to the membership separately from these General Membership Meeting minutes.**

- **Election of Officers.**

**Office of President:** The Nominating Committee did not locate any candidates for President. Therefore, Lynn Pierson, current President, asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There being none, the President announced that if a member would like to put their name forward, the member should contact Trish Gregory of the Nominating Committee, who will bring that name or names to the Executive Board. That name or names will be considered during the TSAA Executive Board Meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022, to be convened at 1 PM EST via Zoom. Nominations will then be sent out to the membership and the vote will be taken at the March 7, 2022, General Membership Meeting.

**Office of Vice President:** Candidate Peggy McCardle, 1st term. Elected by unanimous vote.

**Office of Secretary:** Candidate Lynn Hudson Kopala, 3rd term. Elected by unanimous vote.

**Office of Treasurer:** Candidate Martha Hickey, 2nd term. Elected by unanimous vote.

- **Officers will be sworn in at the April 2022 General Membership Meeting.**

**Adjourn** - There being no further business, the President adjourned this meeting at 3:10 PM EST.

**End Notes -**

- **The next General Membership meeting** will be held on Monday, March 7, 2022, 1 PM EST. The location is yet to be determined.
- **Upcoming Presentations after Business Meetings:** A presentation about Martha Hickey’s art that was postponed from after this meeting will be scheduled. Martha Hickey is the current Artist of the Month. Also, Lynn Whitelaw is scheduled to talk about his judging criteria at the March meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Hudson Kopala, Secretary, Version 1.2

February 13, 2022

February 15, 2022

March 6, 2022

