

General Membership Meeting
Tarpon Springs Art Association
October 4, 2021 held via Zoom

Lynn Pierson, President, convened the meeting at 1:04 EDT and welcomed everyone. She reviewed Zoom etiquette. It was established that all present were current TSAA members. No visitors were present.

Note – Lynn Hudson Kopala, Secretary, had recurring internet outages during the meeting. She humbly requests members send notes to her via email at lynnkopala@hotmail.com to fill in information gaps before the next General Membership Meeting scheduled for November 1, 2021.

Secretary's Report – Lynn Hudson Kopala, Secretary, reported that notes are up to date and circulating for review for the September General Membership Meeting, and the September TSAA Board Meeting. She began reading the September General Membership Meeting notes aloud, a task which Lynn Pierson, President, completed after Ms. Kopala's connection went down. The September General Membership Meeting Notes were approved by attendees. Prior to the November General Membership Meeting, the October meeting notes will be emailed to members for review and comment in advance.

Treasurer's Report – Martha Hickey, Treasurer, reported account balances and outstanding expenses. Her report was accepted by the members as presented.

Membership and Newsletter – Patsy Renz reported that membership did not change since last month, and TSAA directories are still available at the Tarpon Art Guild. Patsy published TSAA's newsletter.

Publicity – No report.

Venues –

Valley Bank exchange will be the last week of October/first week of November. Fritz Johnson's photographs are currently on display, Lora VanNoord will show in November-December. We have openings for the entire 2022 calendar year. Contact Lynn Hudson Kopala to sign up for a 2 month show of 7 works.

Hampton Inn is currently showing three pieces of Trish Gregory's photographic art.

Chamber of Commerce – Sherry Orr supervised the hanging of work by three TSAA members.

Performing Arts Center – Trish Gregory managed the exchange of work.

AdventHealth – North Pinellas – no news.

Library – no news.

Lynn Pierson, President, remarked that we need additional members to volunteer as venue coordinators.

Sunshine – Prior to this meeting, there were no new requests for a Sunshine card. One request for a "thinking of you" card was received during this meeting and will be fulfilled.

Artist of the Month (AOTM) – The theme for November's AOTM competition is anything pandemic. Kathy Detrano noted that this theme can be interpreted broadly as anything done for inspiration, comfort, endurance, etc. She remarked that the period covered started March 13, 2020, the beginning of local lockdown. Kathy suggested that for 2022, October and November include one combined AOTM competition, because of short lead times attributable to activities and holidays. October 2021's AOTM will be announced during the upcoming New Business portion of this meeting.

Old Business

Paint and Photo Tarpon Springs – Sherry Orr reported that this event begins October 11 at 8 AM with registration at the Cultural Center. She thanked everyone who volunteered. She predicted that this will be a very exciting event and that artists and photographers are coming from many locations as well as Tarpon Springs to participate.

Upcoming Events –

The TSAA Members' Winter Show will be held at the Cultural Center during December, Registration details will be published in the next newsletter. In addition to the art entered in the show, members are asked to bring reception "finger food", as has been our custom in the past. We are looking forward to resuming this big event, traditionally one of our most popular shows, which has been absent from the Cultural Center for a few years due to renovations, and then the pandemic precautions.

Coming in March will be Art on the Bayou. TSAA will have a booth. Members will be able to display and sell work, and to give demonstrations.

New Business

Artist of the Month for October 2021 – Nancy Rhoads was declared AOTM. Her beautiful fabric and thread landscape, made with natural hand died materials, won the online competition. Nancy answered questions from the members about her piece and the techniques she used.

There being no additional New Business, the business portion of this meeting ended at approximately 1:45 PM EDT.

The Program portion of this meeting consisted of a "Show and Tell" during which attending members displayed and discussed recent work. Members agreed this was lots of fun, and that we saw lots of beautiful work.

The meeting ended at approximately 2:20 PM EDT. Respectfully submitted by Lynn Hudson Kopala