

Tarpon Springs Art Association

Meeting Minutes: General Membership Meeting, held using Zoom internet-based meeting tool
January 4, 2021

Lynn Foskett Pierson, President, convened the meeting at 1 PM EDT.

Agenda:

Welcome:

The President welcomed all present to the meeting.

Visitors:

The President introduced artist David Salo as our guest. He said he is returning to painting after a hiatus. David showed us examples of oil on canvas work he had made several years ago. Note: We hope David will join us.

Later, after the Business Meeting and Presentation, Angel Mercado joined us as a guest and soon to be member. He showed and commented on several paintings in progress.

The works both of our visitors (and, we hope, members-to-be) shared met with appreciative comments from meeting participants.

Secretary's report – Lynn Kopala:

The December 2020 General Membership meeting was held via Zoom. It was a member's show and tell in lieu of the customary December membership gallery show. There was no business portion of the meeting, and therefore there are no minutes to be approved.

Treasurer's report – Sue McCubbin:

The Treasurer reported that the 2020 ledger will be closed by the end of January 2021. Sherry Orr stated that she had contacted City Hall regarding uncashed deposit checks for events postponed or not held because of Covid-19. City Hall will not cash those checks. The Treasurer will cancel them and write new checks in February.

Membership and Newsletter – Patsy Renz:

Patsy Renz reported that she has received several more checks from members for 2021 annual dues. She asked that members send newsletter articles to her by January 18.

Publicity – Sue Thomas, Trish Gregory: (none)

Programs/Special Events/Outreach – Sherry Orr:

Sherry Orr stated that the Cultural Center is still closed and is not taking reservations. She plans to follow up with them again in February.

Sherry Orr is coordinating the "Paint and Photograph Tarpon Springs" annual plein air event, scheduled for October 11-22, 2021. Members are needed to join the small group working on this special event. The next meeting of this group will be held via Zoom at 10 AM EST on January 11, 2021.

Sunshine – Lynn Kopala:

Please let Lynn Kopala know if a TSAA member needs a little "sunshine" via a greeting card, and she will send one.

Venues:

Heather Risley reported that the artwork at the Hampton Inn is being exchanged January 4. The Chamber of Commerce venue changeover is scheduled for January 7. Lynn Kopala said that member artwork at Valley Bank was rotated January 4. The next rotation will be in March. AdventHealth – North Pinellas Hospital is still not available. Members' artwork has been or is being retrieved.

Artist of the Month – Kathy Detrano:

We hope to resume Artist of the Month online in February.

Old business:

Treasurer Nominating Committee: Trish Gregory said that the Committee is meeting January 5. Lynn Pierson thanked the Committee members (Trish Gregory, Fritz Johnson, and Andrew Chianese) for their hard work in this important effort.

Mentoring at the Library: Sherry Orr reported that the Mentoring program has not resumed yet, due to Covid-19 restrictions. She has been discussing options with the Library of resuming by distance, using art kits provided by the Friends of the Library. Sue McCubbin said there are supplies remaining from the previous program period.

New business:

By Law Revisions: Proposed revisions to the By Laws will be circulated to the Membership. These revisions will be discussed and acted on during the February General Membership Meeting.

The Business portion of the meeting was adjourned by the President at approximately 1:28 PM EST.

Announcement of February 2021 General Membership Meeting:

The next TSAA Membership Meeting will be held via ZOOM on Monday, February 1, 2021, beginning at 1 PM. Members should follow instructions on how to join the meeting which will be emailed prior to the meeting.

Presentations following the January 2021 Business meeting:

January's demonstration featured an interview of Artist of the Month Trish Gregory, conducted by Sherry Orr, and accompanied by PowerPoint slides.

Respectfully submitted on January 12, 2021, by Lynn Hudson Kopala, Secretary.