

YOSEMITE WESTERN ARTISTS

Board Meeting Dec. 5th, 2015

The Board Meeting began at 10:10AM. Present were: Shannon Grissom, Vicki Thomas, Doug Boomer, Bill Davis, Sandee Scott, Gina Mims, Lori Ann Cole and Carolyn Hartling.

Old Business-President Updated

Sponsorship/Gift Certificate Committee will be tabled until January.

We are still actively recruiting to replace Norma in her Treasurer position. We will contact Susanne Harvey, regarding the Treasurer's position. Darlene Jaeger was mentioned as another possible candidate. Shannon stated that it would be easier to use Quicken. Bill Davis and Shannon also noted that it might be difficult to import the data.

The Document Archive party will be held sometime in 2016 to consolidate the historical information collected. Norma stated that Harry Baker owned the Gertrude building, but owned the land in partnership with his grandson, John. The lease (the last one located was from 2004) may not be legal since *another* grandson may have ownership in part of the property. John is the executor of the estate, which is still in probate and may not be resolved until summer.

The idea of Fund Raising will be shelved until 2016. It was suggested we set up a committee to flesh out the ideas. Vicki agreed, and said that the suggestions she brought up in Nov. were ideas to ferment and consider whether they were applicable to YWA. (See Nov. Board Minutes).

VP Update: Sandee Scott

The number of all occasion card collection is okay, at this time.

Sandee has drafted a membership renewal letter and will get to Gina on Monday.

Plein air schedule is going great. We are meeting at Carolyn Hartling/Sandee Scott's home on Dec. 16th. A notice was sent to members on the plein air list.

Tri-County Show: Intake date is Thurs, May 19th. Volunteers so far are Norma, Shannon, Gina, Vicki, Carolyn and Sandee. More volunteers will be needed for intake day.

Doug Boomer mentioned we needed to think about judges for the Tri-Co Show. We thought 2 or 3 would be adequate. Shannon volunteered to be a judge and would not charge the typical \$100 fee. We will pick a judge who is familiar with photography, and possibly a judge who knows about sculpture. It was suggested that we implement a point system to select the winners, just as Sierra Artist's Gallery uses for the Gold Rush Show.

Gina volunteered to do the poster design. She will have the first draft done for our January, 2016 meeting.

YWA will contact Diane Mello, Madera Circle Gallery, to see if she will host the Tri-Co. show after it closes at Timberline Gallery.

VP update: Jack Lantz

Jack is planning to leave the state within the next couple of months. Shannon will find the demonstrator for January. She suggested Jeanne MacDonald for sculpture. For February we have lined up Deborah Pippin, to demonstrate alcohol ink painting. When Norma named Wendy Denton as a possible demonstrator for photography, Carolyn Hartling suggested we invite Wendy as our photography judge for our Tri-County Show.

Secretary Update: Vicki Thomas

Due to lack of time, reading the Board Minutes from Nov. was dispensed with.

Treasurer Report: Norma Rogers

Norma said we had \$2420.59 in the bank, with no known unpaid bills. Our total expenses for the year were \$6454.29. She said the Portrait Show was a good fund raiser.

Communications: Gina Mims

Gina said she got the newsletter out and that our website was okay.

Social Media: Bill Davis

Bill said that the YWA Facebook Page was down on 'visits' and 'likes' this month.

We discussed a social media workshop in 2016, (for Feb. or March) but to limit the topic and targeting particular subjects such as: "How to Promote Your Art." The Oakhurst Co. Library was a good place to hold our event except the social media sites had restricted access. Carolyn will check on Timberline. It was suggested that charges for the workshop would be \$10.00 for members, \$15.00 for non-members. Bill will come up with some dates that he is available for facilitating or co-facilitating a Social Media Workshop.

Gertrude Operations: Doug Boomer

Doug said everything is working well for getting water from our neighbor. We have a good wood supply, but members could bring more wood next month. Doug reminded that the porch boards are rotting and the he is considering ways to repair it.

Shannon brought up the topic of changing the date of our YWA Meeting on May 21st, since that is the opening date and reception for our Tri-County Exhibit held at Timberline. Norma suggested we skip our May meeting and move it to June. The reception would take the place of

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our May meeting. It was agreed that we would hold no meeting in May and move our May meeting to June.

The Visitors Center is ready for art. Gina and Shannon are meeting with the folks at the Visitor's Center on 12/9 to discuss specific parameters.

The subject of a possible YWA retreat to possibly be held at Sandee Scott's home in 2016 was brought up. No conclusion was reached.

New Business

Lura Smith was told to sign up on our newsletter website in order to receive YWA news. Shannon Grissom stated she would do this for Lura.

Vicki suggested that Shannon appoint 3-6 "directors" to YWA. The "directors" should be willing to do small chores and help out when needed. Eg; Phyllis McAdams, who purchases paper goods for the schoolhouse, could be considered a director.

Shannon asked Norma about paying corporation taxes. Norma said there were no taxes required, only paperwork to sign and mail; one form is to be sent every year and one form for every other year. We can go as much as 3 years without reporting income, since we are a not-for-profit organization.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15AM

Respectfully Submitted: Vicki D. Thomas

General Meeting Minutes

It was decided that no minutes needed to be taken from the General Meeting, as it was a festive occasion, however a few notes follow:

Shannon Honored Jack Lantz as Member of the Month and presented him with a plaque and a bag of Candy Kisses.

Sandee encouraged members to pay their dues by Jan 31st to be entered in a drawing for 3 gift cards -- 1 for \$50 and 2 for \$25.

Plein air date and venue for December was mentioned.

Vicki mentioned the Mariposa Symphony Orchestra Winter/Christmas Festival Holiday Concert on Dec. 19th at 7:00 at Mariposa High School, Les Marsden Founding Music Director and

Conductor. Call Mariposa Arts Council for tickets--only \$6.00, adults/\$4.00 Students. Tickets can be ordered online at www.mariposaartscouncil.org

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