

VIENNA ARTS SOCIETY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018, 7:30 PM
VIENNA ART CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm by the President, Hayden Luczka. The President welcomed about 20 members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the September 20, 2018, General Membership Meeting were accepted as written, after motion by Dore' Skidmore, seconded by Grace Rooney.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Hayden Luczka emphasized to the membership the necessity of fulfilling their sitting requirement at the VAS Art Center so that we may keep it open. Hayden also requested a volunteer to do planning for Bunco, since Donna Grone is not available, and Bunco nets VAS significant profit at no cost.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Green Springs: Jodi Condes stated that the Green Springs Show will run from Dec. 17, 2018 through February 25, 2019. The reception will be on Jan. 6, 2019. The prospectus is out, and the registration information will be in the eBlast. Deadline for registration is Dec. 7. The theme will be "Art in the Garden". Workhouse artist Marni Maree will be the judge.

Convalescent Report: Jodi reported that Dick Neff is at home recovering from recent surgery. VAS sent him a card last week.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Sue Tilton presented an update on the revision of the Bylaws. She distributed a summary [*attached*] of the major changes, and discussed them briefly. She noted that the summary and the proposed revised Bylaws were distributed earlier this week by email to all members, and that if anyone has difficulty opening them on a cell phone, they should pull up the email on a computer, and the documents will open. If anyone still has trouble, they should let Lu know, and then Sue Tilton will resend the documents directly from her computer. Dore' commented that the Bylaws were revised about twelve years ago, and at that time they were changed to allow honorary members of the Advisory Board to vote. Dore' offered to provide further input on that issue. The proposed Bylaws revisions will be voted on by the membership in November.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In the absence of the Treasurer, Laurel Gainor, Hayden summarized the VAS financials for the month of September, 2018. Net income was in excess of \$7,000, due to payments received from sponsors for the Bench Project.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Lu Cousins summarized recent as well as upcoming events:

- Vienna Community Center exhibit: The show looks beautiful, and two paintings sold almost immediately after opening.
- The ribbon-cutting at the Art Center was Sept. 18, and we had many representatives from the community here for the ceremony.
- Small Wonders Show: Sandra Hill launched registration for this event, and there are still openings for 11 (eleven) artists.

- Vienna Vintners Reception: Lu reported this was a big success, although we don't have the total net for the event.
- eBlast input: Lu emphasized that any input to the eBlast must be received by Monday night, because she spends Tuesday putting it together.
- Watercolor Workshop: Joe Phillips workshop scheduled for Oct. 12.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNICATIONS: Jodi presented a brief update for the committee. They are looking into using Café' Art for online submission of art work for the TART show in the spring. They are planning a demo at the Art Center so we can determine if we want to spend the money on it (estimated to be \$925)..

CONTINUING SHOWS: Grace Rooney reported that the time for the next show change at Ameriprise has been changed to 11:45 am on October 22.

HOSPITALITY: Grace Rooney reported that the next reception will be a combined one at the Art Center for the Small Wonders show, the "Joy" exhibit, and the featured artist for the Village Green Gallery.

MEMBERSHIP: Sheeler Kowalewski briefly reviewed updates to the exhibition and sitting guidelines, including:

- Exhibition guidelines: This will include what can be exhibited, sign-in, drop-off procedures.
- Sitting requirement: This is 3 hours/month/show up to a maximum of 6 hours per month at the Art Center, exclusive of the Village Green Gallery, which has a separate requirement; if anyone has any questions about the proposed guidelines, they should email Sheeler.

These guidelines will be published online in the Handbook, along with the revised Bylaws, after they are approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

BENCH TASK FORCE: Ken Britz reported there are 43 bench sponsors, and 38 artists have signed up to do 40 benches. The first 20 benches will arrive on October 19. Sketches or descriptions of concepts are due Oct. 31. Deborah Kennedy will be doing a workshop to describe the process for finishing the benches, including several layers of lacquer or varnish after painting is completed. Everyone who is signed up to do a bench will be receiving further information.

HALLOWEEN PARADE: Dore' reminded everyone of the Halloween Parade in Vienna on Oct. 24. All those who signed up for the parade will be receiving emails with details on the event.

SMALL WONDERS: Sandra Hill distributed postcards for members to distribute advertising Small Wonders show, and advised that all exhibitors will have to work three hours at the show and will need to attend a short training session to learn how to do the credit card charges, sales tax etc. Registration is \$30 per artist. Sandra emphasized that a small dot must be placed in the lower right corner of each label so the cashier will know there is no commission

owed on the work. If mini-easels are used to display the works, they will be assumed to be included in the sale unless labeled "DO NOT SELL", along with the artist's name.

TREASURY OF ART: Charlotte Potashnik was not present, but Dore' Skidmore reminded everyone that this show will be the first weekend in April.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nominations for Artist of the Year for 2019: Hayden requested that members submit nominations for this award, and Jodi briefly reviewed the requirements of volunteer service and artistic achievement.
- Fundraising Chair and Workshop/Class Chair: Hayden reported we still need to fill these positions. This requirement may be tabled until 2019.
- Workshops and children's summer camps: Lu requested members to consider the possibility of doing workshops or art summer camps for children. Hayden stated VAS is reaching out to some churches.
- Advance registration for Art Center exhibits: Grace proposed simplifying the process of show changes at the VAS Art Center by requiring advance registration as is used for the continuing shows. This would allow the labels to be printed in advance, shortening the hanging process for the new show. There was general agreement that this was a great idea.

CALL TO ADJOURN: Motions (Emilse Wolff/Sue Tilton) were made/seconded to close the formal session, and the President adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm. A live demo by Deborah Kennedy followed, which focused on photography and choosing a title to enhance interest of the viewer.