

CWS BOARD MINUTES  
November 17, 2009  
First Plymouth Congregational Church

CALL TO ORDER: President Sydney Eitel called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Hale, Sydney Eitel, Paul Foster, Janice Hanson, Camille Scott, Pat Foster, Carla Rouse, Terrey Harrod, Chuck Danford and Holly Beazley.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sydney Eitel announced that 55 artists had submitted about 125 paintings for the WFWS Show by the November 15 deadline. Some artists were confused by the 3 ½" mat requirement but she helped fix the errors. She and Randy Hale have discussed acquiring a van to drive other CWS members to Utah for this show.

Her husband Jan ran a workshop at Koebel Library from 10:00 to 12:00 on the morning of October 31, addressing how to size digital images for show entries; twelve people attended. More workshops on this issue will be scheduled in 2010.

The Members Show being held at the Old Firehouse Gallery Art Center from November 13 to December 19 was given front-page coverage in the local Longmont newspaper. Sydney commended the gallery for the handling of the reception held on November 13, and complimented Janice Beck and co-chairs Nancy Sullo and Martha Williams on their planning of this show. Sixteen paintings have been sold so far at this exhibition.

MINUTES: The Board approved the October minutes as corrected.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

Exhibition Official: Pat Foster announced that artists should pick up their paintings from First Plymouth Congregational Church on November 23 between 9:00 and 10:30 AM. She also stated that Chautauqua had cancelled the New Trends Show that had been planned for August 2010, because they were overbooked. Therefore, this show will have to be rescheduled and the Board discussed options for venues. Pat suggested that it could be held at the Republic Building or Littleton Town Arts Center. The Denver Botanic Gardens is no longer a possibility because it will hold only two-day shows in the future. Other venues suggested for future shows included Denver Public Library, Littleton Historical Museum, Denver Art Museum, Pikes Peak Art Center in Colorado Springs, Sangre de Cristo Art Center in Pueblo, and a return to the Old Firehouse Gallery in Longmont.

VP Programs: Paul Foster announced that tonight's program would be a critique consisting of two jury panels including Gene Youngmann, Anita Winter, Sharon Rouse and Chuck Danford. Artists being evaluated will relate information about themselves and their art. Prizes provided by Frame de Art for \$25 will be awarded for the four best paintings chosen by the jurors and a \$30 prize from FMS Digital will be given to the top pick. Critiques may last up to six minutes. Additional programs tentatively planned in the New Year are as follows:

January 19-Panel discussion on where and how to show artwork;

February 13-Saturday visit to RedLine Gallery located at 2350 Arapahoe Street, Denver;

There will be no fee for this visit. Snow date is Saturday, February 20;

March 16-Career Counseling for Artists by Nancy Boyson;

April 20- A critique;

May 18- Plein air painting with CWS member Gene Youngman;

June 15-Painting demonstration by CWS member Jean Cole.

VP Workshops: Terrey Harrod distributed a list of the following workshops currently scheduled:

Ratindra Das, March 1-5, 2010;  
Michael Atkinson, April 19-23;  
Ted Nuttall, July 9-11, 2010;  
Peggy Morgan Stenmark, September 10-12;  
Stan Miller, October 18-22;  
Tom Owen, January 14-16, 2011.

Other workshops tentatively planned for 2010 include Gene Youngmann and Virginia Cobb. Birgit O'Connor and Anne Bagley are possible teachers in 2011. Terrey will continue to schedule workshops into 2011 and 2012. The workshops will be advertised in the *Collage*, on the CWS website and through Constant Contact. Randy Hale reported that the \$375 charged by CWS for workshops is lower than similar societies.

Treasurer Report: Janice Hanson reported that CWS has total equity and liabilities of \$38,281.58. The Profit and Loss statement shows a balance of -\$3,804.83 because the Ted Nuttall workshop expenses occurred in two different fiscal years. \$15,000 has been withdrawn from the CWS checking account and invested in a two-year CD with a yield of 1.78% a year to fund website expenses. CWS taxes have been filed for the year. Janice distributed a revised budget proposal for 2009-2010 and the Board discussed it. MOTION: Janice Hanson; Terrey Harrod, second. The CWS 2009-2010 proposed budget should be accepted. Motion carried

Membership Official: Carla Rouse led a discussion about a request from Dick Blick that CWS share its membership roster with them in exchange for a show award. Randy Hale stated that it is illegal for a non-profit organization to provide a list of members to any commercial enterprise. Sydney Eitel suggested that CWS offer a free advertisement in the *Collage* to any business that provided awards at CWS exhibits. Carla presented information regarding event marketing through Constant Contact, stating that CWS could try a 60-day free trial for this service. MOTION: Camille Scott; Terrey Harrod, second. CWS will sign up for a free 60-day free trial with Constant Contact. Motion carried.

Carla distributed a copy of two changes she proposed to current CWS policies and the Board discussed them.

Under Roster: Section 3: Any members who have not paid their dues by the June meeting shall be notified in writing or by email, during July, by the Membership Committee, that they shall be dropped from the Membership if they do not pay their dues by August 31st. MOTION: Camille Scott; Randy Hale, second. CWS should adopt this change. Motion carried.

Under Dues: 2. New members joining after January 1st of any year will become active participants immediately and their dues will be 60% of annual dues. All new members joining after March 31st of any year will become active participants immediately and their dues will be the full annual amount and will be credited for the coming year.

MOTION: Randy Hale; Camille Scott, second. CWS should adopt this change. Motion carried.

Collage Editor: In David Castle's absence, it was announced that the deadline for the January *Collage* would be December 16. Updates to the website are due to Sean Willard on that date, as well.

Corresponding Secretary: Camille Scott announced that she would assume the duties of informing One Call Now if changes are made to the CWS schedule. This service costs \$199 for three years.

Past-President: Randy Hale announced that he had informed Webmaster Sean Willard that the PayPal is not working properly on the website. Sean will advise Redmann Mahoney of this problem. Sean will continue to update the website monthly.

OLD BUSINESS: Sydney Eitel proposed that instead of naming a scholarship after Helen Brainerd, as Gene Youngmann and Elaine Campbell had suggested, that a State Show award be named in her honor instead. Chuck Danford suggested that the State Show display a memorial wall.

NEW BUSINESS: Chuck Danford clarified that he would form a Nominating Committee to fill vacant Board positions but would not personally fill these positions. Carla Rouse will send the volunteer list again to help with this endeavor. The Board may have to consider paying a non-member of CWS to take over the Treasurer's duties from Janice Hanson. Janice will submit an advertisement to the *Collage* describing her job and requesting a volunteer.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Randy Hale; Paul Foster, second. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Beazley  
Recording Secretary

#### ATTACHMENTS

Colorado Watercolor Society Balance Sheet, November 17, 2009  
Colorado Watercolor Society Exhibition Sales Profit and Loss, September 1- November 17, 2009  
Colorado Watercolor Society 2008-2009 Actual, 2009-2010 Proposed Budget, November 2009