**CWS Board Meeting, May 16, 2017**

Members Present:  Tim Brenner, Carol Newsom, Terrey Harrod, Lynn Nebergall, Sharon Wink, Mary Jo Ramsdale, Karen Hill (Western Slope)

Members Absent:  Greg Chapleski, Vicki Tucker, Marsha Ambraziunas, Zona Janssen

The meeting began with a call from Karen Hill, Western Slope representative.  Karen reported that her organizational meeting on May 10th was attended by 6 people all of whom were excited and encouraged.  She asked what water media were acceptable for the Western Slope’s first show in August.  Because this will be an unjuried show, she was told that such a show could include watercolor, acrylic, casein, and gouache on watercolor paper and less traditional surfaces such as yupo and canvas.  Carol Newsom will send Karen a prospectus as an example for Karen to use in designing a prospectus for their first show in August.  The Western Slope’s next meeting will be June 15th.  Karen asked for ideas for an artist demonstrator.  Ideas in addition to Peggy Morgan Stenmark (Crested Butte) will be sent to her.  The posters sent her have been posted around Gunnison along with flyers advertising the new Western Slope CWS chapter.

Four new Signature Members were approved.  Congratulations to Ann Arnsmeyer, Betty D. Jaggers, Steve Griggs and Pam McLaughlin.

Board member presentations of job responsibilities will continue monthly.  The description of Recording Secretary, Zona Janssen’s position will be read at the General Meeting tonight.

The June Collagewill be printed a week later than usual.  Editor, Brian Serff, is on a river trip.

CWS currently has 498 members.  The new slate of officers must be approved by 15% of the membership or 75 members.  Mailed and emailed ballots have all voted “yes”.  An additional 26 votes are needed to affirm the Board slate.  A vote at the General Meeting will be taken seeking the additional votes.

Rental at The First Plymouth Congregational Church for CWS meetings has increased to $340 per month.

The Vail Valley group of abstract artists is encouraged to be very specific in their prospectus.

The Healing Arts Program of area Adventist Hospitals has invited CWS back for a show in September or October.  The last Healing Arts show in 5 hospitals was very successful; the hospitals took care of advertising and refreshments and paintings sold well.

New CWS Board members will be invited to the June Board meeting.

The Memorial Fund contains $625.  A suggested committee of Pat Foster, Pat Rucker, and Pam Hake will be asked for ideas on how to use the funds.

Volunteers are needed for the wide variety of CWS activities.  A clip Board asking for volunteers will be passed around at the General Meeting.

Information describing the Montrose Plein Air Festival, July 12 -15, 2017, will be sent to Marcio Correa for inclusion in the Collage.

Upcoming workshops by Tom Lynch and Steve Griggs were mentioned.

General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:15.

A vote of members present was taken to accept the 2017-2018 Board officers.   “Yes” votes met the affirmative vote requirement of 15% of the membership.  The 2017-2018 CWS Board has been elected.  The 2017-2018 Board includes:  President - Tim Brenner,  President Elect – Carol Newsom,  Past President - Greg Chapleski,  Membership Official – Lynn Nebergall,  VP of Workshops – Terrey Harrod,  VP of Programs – Vicki Tucker,  Parliamentarian – Jay Breese,  Recording Secretary – Merrier Wicks,  Corresponding Secretary – Shanti Kumar,  Treasurer – Priscilla Greenbaum,  Exhibition Official – open,  Board Member at Large (volunteers) – Mary Jo Ramsdale,  Board Member at Large (Western Slope) – Karen Hill

A description of the Recording Secretary position duties was read.  This description will be typed up with suggested additions and corrections and sent to the CWS Board for approval.

The position of Exhibitions Official remains empty.  Because each CWS show chair should have a full committee including people locating and securing a venue, this position should be one of coordination.

A New Trends Chair and venue are needed.

The Board Member at Large position previously occupied by Diane Fechenbach has been allocated Karen Hill of the Western Slope chapter.  Thanks for your work, Diane, and welcome, Karen.

CWS has renewed its contract with the First Plymouth Congregational Church through 2018.  This June, the CWS meeting will be on June 27th.

Susan Kacik’s painting has been accepted into an international show.  Congratulations, Susan!

The Western Federation show will end June 19th.  Unsold paintings can be picked up at Mile High Framing.  David Wicks received an award at the show.

Ted Nuttal will jury the next Western Federation show.

Terrey Harrod announced that Tom Lynch and Steve Griggs will be holding workshops in 2017.  She described her position of Vice President of Workshops.  Terrey has the exciting job of contacting artists all over the country, meeting with and getting to know them as well as watching them present their techniques.  CWS members interested in learning this position are invited to contact Terrey Harrod.

Member’s paintings were shown and critiqued.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.