

Board Meeting, September 17, 2019

Members Present: Pattie Bowler, Karen Hill, Linda Palmer, Beatrice Trautman, Priscilla Greenbaum, Sandy Day Selbert, Shanthi Kumar, Mary Jo Ramsdale, Jay Breese, Kathy Cranmer, Suszanne Bernat Droney

Guest: Linden Kirby

Absent: Carol Newsom, Tim Brenner, Lynn Nebergall

BOARD MEETING

Called to order: 5:04 p.m. Each Board Member received a packet of the meeting agenda and the financial report,

President Elect Pattie Bowler was sitting in for President Carol Newsom.

A motion was made by Jay Breese and seconded by Mary Jo Ramsdale to approve the June 25, 2019 Board Minutes. The motion was approved.

An announcement was made that the First Plymouth Congregational Church contract has been signed and the rent has been raised \$15 a month, plus another \$10 for a small storage fee for space on the top shelf of the rack in the kitchen. The church administration deducted \$356.25 for the cancellation of the May meeting.

The Past President no report, as not present.

The Exhibits Chairman report was given by Kathy Cranmer and Sandy Day Selbert, Workshop Chairman, in conjunction regarding the upcoming CWS shows for 2019 and 2020 and beyond. A cancellation policy was established for workshops: registrants may cancel a workshop for a full refund up until 30 days prior to the start of the workshop. No refunds will be given after 30 days prior to the start date.

The Members Show will be held from November 15 to January 3, 2020 with a reception on November 22, 2019 at the Lakewood Center. The chairman of the show is responsible for preparing the prospectus. It was announced that James Bigger will be the juror.

The CWS State Show held at the Foothill Center will be from April 23, 2020 through June 12, 2020. The juror will be Sterling Edwards. Mary Jo Ramsdale and Terrey Harrod will co-chair this show.

The Georgia Mansur workshop was cancelled for October 2019.

The upcoming 45th WFWS exhibit will be held in Boise, Idaho beginning June 4 through July 26, 2020. The deadline for entry is January 10, 2020. The prospectus is now on the CWS website for those who wish to enter. Carol Newsom and Marcio Correa are the delegates.

The CWS state show for 2021, juried by Stephen Quiller, is in the planning stages with two possible dates: April 12-16, 2021 or April 26-30, 2021. A suggestion was made to have the show at the Parker PACE Center.

The CWS New Trends Show in 2020 is being considered for February or March. Kathy Cranmer will be looking into finding a suitable location.

The Member Show for 2020 is being consider to be held in October or November. It is yet to be determined.

The next WFWS to be hosted in Colorado is projected for the year 2026.

There is an \$800 credit with Chatfield Botanic Gardens. The current plan is to use this towards a plein air event sometime in the spring of 2020. The Board is looking for a chairman and will eventually be announcing the event to the general membership when a date and time are determined. Registration will be available on-line. It will be a three day event, as before, with a \$20 fee for all three days or \$10 per day.

Karen Hill, Member at Large (Western Slope), reported that the Splash of Colorado hopefully will be held in Gunnison sometime in August 2020, but that confirmation and final approval will be forthcoming in October 2019. Otherwise the alternate venue will be Crested Butte. A juror is needed and the committee will be making a decision at the appropriate time.

Jay Breese, Parliamentarian, reported that he is working with the committee Board Members for their input in writing regarding the positions he/she holds for clarification purposes on the duties performed. Progress is being made.

Beatrice Trautman, Programs Chairman, will introduce the artist demonstrator, Cindy Brabec-King, to the general CWS membership for the evening.

The October program will bring Susan Schmitt and her expertise on how to promote one's work to share with the membership. A discussion of having Ms. Schmitt holding a one-day workshop might be a possibility. It is yet to be determined.

Tom Newsom is scheduled for the November meeting with his demonstration of how to paint Santa Claus.

There is no meeting in December. The January meeting will bring Guiry's and Meininger to share information and supplies with the membership.

In February the hope is to have a critique. The person to conduct it has not yet been determined.

Mary Jo Ramsdale, Volunteer Coordinator, had no new reporting. She indicated that the State Show prospectus has been started; she has budget information from past shows to assist in the process.

Priscilla Greenbaum, Treasurer, reported on the status of the CWS current financials. Below is a summary of the Treasurer's Report:

1. Board member's who are bringing dinner for the meeting may be reimbursed up to \$50. Receipt(s) must be turned in to receive a reimbursement. Please include only items you are purchasing for the board meeting on the receipt(s).
2. Discussion of 2018-19 Treasurer's Report:
 - The CWS fiscal year runs from September 1 to August 31 each year. We have \$25,372.41 in our checking account, and \$23,073.94 in our saving account.
 - CWS had an income of \$46,927.75, spent \$49,17734 and earned \$178.77 in interest, for a net loss of \$ 2,072.82 during the 2018-2019 budget period.
 - A report was provided with the profit & loss calculated for various CWS events and services, to help with budget and financial decisions in the future.
3. Discussion of the September 1, 2019 – August 31,2020 Preliminary Budget draft:
 - An explanation about how to understand the budget format was given by the treasurer.
 - Priscilla (treasurer) included estimates of most general administrative expenses and Western Fed expenses based on prior year(s).

- Exhibit chair persons and the VP of Workshops have been requested to submit Income and Expense/Cost estimates of their respective event(s), sometime during the next 2 weeks via email (October 2,2019).
 - Priscilla will take all submitted information under advisement and using past financial actions will develop a balanced budget proposal to be voted on at the October 15,2019 meeting.
 - Although I did not express this, a PDF copy of the proposed budget will be emailed to board members for perusal a few days in advance of the meeting date.
4. Future areas of discussion can include specific ways to increase our income, and/or decrease our costs.

Linda Palmer, Corresponding Secretary, reported that she has sent several cards to CWS members and thank you notes to Guiry's and Meininger. She requested that anyone who needs to be acknowledged, remembered, or thanked send her an email with the information.

Shanti Kumar, Web Director, reported Jason Hampelman, the webmaster, was employed to work for CWS about 4 hours per week, but he has not done any updates or maintained the hosting/domain accounts since the beginning of 2019. Shanthi has maintained the website and renewed all the relevant hosting and domain fees. She will check with Marcio Correa if a contract with Jason exists and inform the board. A decision on whether Jason will continue to be employed is tabled for the next meeting.

Linden Kirby, Collage Editor, announced the deadline for the next November, December, January upcoming edition is due October 7, 2019. A discussion took place about whether the Collage should include artist workshop advertisements for a fee or no fee. An idea to just include one line instead of an advertisement might be the solution. His plan is to get recommendations from Carol Newsom, Tim Brenner and Gene Youngman.

Membership Chairman no report, as not present. However it was reported currently there are 354 CWS members and six patrons.

Three CWS members are eligible for "Signature" status. They are Karen Hill, Cindy Welch and Ann Patrice Williams. Approval was given by the Board for these three members to be given CWS signature status.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Pattie Bowler, President Elect, introduced herself to the CWS membership. She then asked for new members and/or visitors at the meeting to be recognized.

Gene Youngman announced the 45th WFWS upcoming show and indicated that the prospectus is on-line. The deadline to enter the show is January 10, 2020. There are still 44 catalogues available for anyone who entered the 44th show and did not receive one.

Beatrice Trautman introduced the guest artist demonstrator, Cindy Brabec-King.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Suzanne Bernat Droney
Recording Secretary