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Tennessee Watercolor Society

General Meeting, Pryor Gallery, Columbia State Community College

August 23, 2019

President: Judy Duke called the General Meeting of the Tennessee Watercolor Society to order at 10:04am at Pryor Gallery, Columbia State Community College, Columbia, TN on August 23, 2019. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members present were: Wendy Latimer, Donna Littleton, Marilyn Derwenstus, Judy Williams, Noriko Register, Charley Highers, Tuva Stephens, Jennie Sims, Carole Wilson Medlin, Patsy Sharpe, Pat Patrick, Mary Spellings, Helen Burton, Rebecca Aldred, Terry Thornton, Mel Edmondson, Jan Keeling, Coco Dauer, Marie Minner, Jean Porter, Dianne Eberhard, Filiz Griffin, Janie Webb, Sue Craver, Rene Muha, Marie Kelly, Nick Long,

1st Vice President: Donna Littleton reported since she accepted the responsibilities of 1st VP and Regional Coordinator, the editors, Wendy Latimer and Helen Burton, of our two publications, The Medium and the ArtBeat, have standardize reporting for all submissions, 1) Events and Activities, 2) Classes and Workshops, and 3) Applause. This has provided consistency and has saved valuable time for the editors in assembling information for our publications.

She also reported that all our regions have been busy providing non-juried exhibits, opportunities to paint together, network, visit galleries, attend social events pertaining to art, and promoting watercolor as an important medium in our art communities. R2, her region, has recently been participating in gallery hops, where a group of artists gather and visit a series of galleries, which has proven to be informative and inspiring.

2nd Vice President: Charley Highers reported the traveling exhibit information has been settled, with destinations in Humboldt, Chattanooga, and Clarksville.

Secretary: Minutes were accepted as printed in the summer Medium in 2018.

Treasurer: Jennie Sims, acting Treasurer, reported for Linda McBride, who was absent, as of August 17, 2019, we have $ 10,878.79 in the checking account, $ 24,161.32 in the money market account for a total of $ 35,040.11.

Membership: Pat Patrick reported 248 members, with this breakdown: R1-41, R2-105, R3-48, R4-43, R5-11. She reported 26 people have joined since January. We have 75 signature members, 54 active having been accepted into one exhibition. She suggested that members send dues in early before money starts coming in for the 2020 Exhibit.

Reminders are to be sent out for meetings in the future.

TnWS Facebook: Tuva Stephens reported (Marie Spaeder-Haus absent) that our Facebook page is going great! It was decided not to have a live feed during the General Meeting on Facebook since everyone participating on the page is not a TnWS member. All levels of artists participate on Facebook closed page. The challenges help inspire all who participate. The Facebook page has been a great success. The Facebook link is posted in every newsletter.

Grants: Lil Clinard was absent. No report.

Jan Keeling volunteered her services and knowledge as a volunteer web assistant, using Word Press.

By-laws: Wendy Latimer reported that she and Pat were working on changes to the by-laws while 2018 Exhibition planning was going on. Proposed change in by-laws was discussed by email. The change was approved. Language was changed to include social media. Updates will be worked via email. Helen Burton asked about Charter members being made honorary, with privileges of membership, but will not pay dues.

Historian: Filiz Griffin requested pictures from the different regions for our scrapbook. Wendy suggested purchasing either a scanner or printer and external hard drive to pass along to future Historians. Scanning of documents will be necessary, but the electronic documentation will be much safer and less cumbersome. Suggestion was made outsourcing the scanning, possibly an art student as a project for school purposes. Wendy made a motion to investigate and eventually purchase equipment for historical records archive purposes. Pat Patrick seconded. Motion carried.

Biennial Exhibit 2020: Tuva Stephens reported the Exhibit judging will be held next August 3. Soon Y Warren will be the juror. Her workshop will be August 4-7. The cost

will be $350. The Exhibition will be held at the West Tennessee Regional Art Center, Humboldt, TN. An organizational meeting was held there August 22, 2019. Important information will come in January regarding details about the 2020 Exhibit. The Comfort Suites Jackson has already been reserved. A private dining room at the Casey Jones Museum, for our meal is reserved. Art in the Village will be open for our gathering on Friday. , Jerry's Art-A-Rama will be there, as usual on Saturday. Details will be in future ArtBeat.

Our domain name was in dire need of renewal. Judy, Nick, and Jennie worked together to find the information needed so the domain name could be renewed. Hillhouse Creative and godaddy.com contracts now renew at the same time, after much effort. Currently renewed through 2022.

Region 1: Tuva Stephens reported an upcoming R1 non-juried Exhibition at The NED, with reception being September 3. About 15 artists participating. First time R1 has hosted a regional show. R1 gained new members through this exhibition.

Region 2: Wendy Latimer reported R2 had participated in a show at Green Hills at Parks Realty, with 70 paintings. Currently, there is an exhibit at Gordon Jewish Community Center with 20-something artists participating. Next show will be in Clarksville at the Smith-Trahern mansion in October. About 22 have signed up for that one. Nashville Home Show is open to letting TnWS display artwork. Request was made, also, for artists to participate for 3 months during the Franklin Art Crawl. R2 also had a social August 24, at Plaza Art Supply.

Region 3: Helen Burton reported they had 2 regular non-juried shows, with 30 paintings. Excellent reception and several sales. R3 and R4 combined their efforts and held a show in Athens, with 10 artists from each region, 100 paintings, filling one room and down the hall. An Artist panel of 4 artists, two from each region, opened the floor for discussion. Several good sales resulted. Marie Spaeder-Haus keeps up with the regional newsletter. Mark Cobbe reported the 2022 show will be in Chattanooga at the Association for Visual Arts. May 9, opening May 13, through June 24, reception June 3. First Friday-Gallery Hop the entire city. Margaret Parks has contacted artists that she is familiar with for jurying possibilities. Three have responded with prices: Kieko Tanabe, who would like to host a 4-day workshop, 12-25 students, charging $900 per day, expenses paid, plus per diem, $350 to juror, $400 for a public demonstration. Sarah Yeoman, $950 per day, $200 to juror, $200 awards, additional demonstrations $350, total $4,550. David R Smith, 2-day workshop for $800, with $50 discount if we extended workshop to 3 or more days, $300 to jury, $300 to present or comment.

Region 4: Jean Porter reported the combined efforts of R3 and R4 was a great success. Oak Ridge Art Center hosts shows for R4. Knoxville has many art opportunities for R4 artists. Museum of Art, Knoxville, is willing to accommodate the traveling show.

Region 5: Helen Burton reported that the big show for R5 was renamed from Newell Hendershot to NETN (North East Tennessee). ArtBeat will have a page per region to post pictures of their shows. The entire issue will be called Applause! The R5 show gave 10 awards ranging $350-2500, 7 were won by TnWS members. Open to 3 different organizations. Juror shared all points that he used to decide winners.

New business: Possible jurors and workshop presenters for future are needed. Members at the meeting nominated the following:KeikoTanabe who would like to host a 4 day workshop, 12-15 students charging $900 per day, expenses paid plus per diem, $350 to juror, and $400 for a public demonstration. (2), Sarah Yeoman $950 per day, $200 to juror, $200 to judge for awards , additional demonstrations $350, total $4,550, (2), David R Smith 2-day workshop for $800, with $50 discount if we extend workshop to 3 or more days, $300 to jury, $300 to judge for awards, $300 to present or comment on awards.(2), Brenda Swenson (1), Jean Haines (5), Stan Miller (6), Jean Pederson (3), Robert Lee Mejer (2) (abstract). Also, jurors need to cover all genres. List was posted, members voted for 2 after the meeting. Stan Miller got the most votes with Jean Haines second as possibilities for the 2022 or future workshops. .Members can vote by sending their preference from this list to jsduke2003@yahoo.com

Wendy reported that we have 3 remaining Charter members. Honorary members do not pay dues, may participate in shows, may attend meetings, will receive newsletters, but are not eligible to vote. The three remaining are: Mary Britten Lynch, Elizabeth Grater, Francis Graves. Framed certificates were presented to these three at the Athens Show reception to commemorate their Honorary member status. Wendy made the motion that we bestow the honor on three Charter members of TnWS to become Honorary Members as stated in our by-laws, and they will no longer be assessed yearly dues. Charley Highers seconded. Motion carried.

Members Gallery: On TnWS website each member has up to 3 paintings shown. Judy conducted a survey by email, with 73 responding, 68% saying yes, they would like that. Much discussion was made. Pat Patrick made a motion that we eliminate the Members Gallery and replace it with list of artists' links to their websites. Donna Littleton

seconded. Motion carried. Discussion continued. Judy will contact Jane Hillhouse to get a better idea of cost for the thumbnail photo, which leads to artists' websites, possibly with letter codes showing style of painting the artist does. Members wanting to have a link to their website need to send their URL to jsduke2003@yahoo.com

Treasurer: Linda McBride needs to resign as treasurer due to family issues. Much discussion took place regarding this. Treasurer cannot be found among our members. Barbara Jernigan, Jennie Sims, and Judy Duke created a breakdown of the duties of treasurer. These include paying any bills (writing checks), transfer funds from our PayPal account to our checking account, print the detailed transaction list of transfer to file and notify bookkeeper, any TnWS credit card receipts will be sent (mailed or scanned) to the treasurer who will notify the bookkeeper, reimbursements of members' expenses, and awards by check. Treasurer will do no bookkeeping. They will just pay our bills, and serve as liaison with the bookkeeper.

Membership chairperson (Pat Patrick) receives all dues by check and deposits them, and notify the bookkeeper of the deposit, with member's name, so they can be entered into our records. Membership chair will keep a detailed list of membership payments, and method of payment (check or PayPal).

Entry chairperson will receive all Exhibition entry fees (check or PayPal) and deposit them, and notify the bookkeeper of the deposit. Chairperson will keep a detailed spreadsheet of all entries and method of payment (check or PayPal). Awards Chairperson will receive and deposit all checks for awards (except Beauty of Watermedia which are usually paid with membership dues). Chairperson will keep a detailed spreadsheet for each award name and amount of donation. Detail is necessary for catalog purposes. They will notify the bookkeeper of the deposit and the breakdown by award. Chair will notify the recipient of that award with the name and address of the donor, so a Thank You card can be sent.

Bookkeeper will receive deposit information from the treasurer and committee chairs, enter into the TnWS accounting software, receive information from the treasurer regarding any TnWS credit card payments and enter those into accounting software. After receiving transfer information (PayPal to checking) from the treasurer, bookkeeper will access our PayPal account (on a limited basis) and make the appropriate entries into our books matching the transfer from PayPal. Bookkeeper will reconcile the bank accounts on a monthly basis. Bookkeeper will send W-9's to award recipients and applicable vendors (usually only Hillhouse), and prepare and file 1099's with the federal government. Bookkeeper will prepare any reports requested by the Treasurer.

Committee was chosen to search for a treasurer and bookkeeper. Wendy mentioned contacting the Arts and Business Council of Nashville, with a fee of $50 per year. They help non-profits in this way. The committee to work on treasurer and bookkeeper is: Wendy Latimer, chairperson, Mel Edmondson, Patsy Sharpe.

Editor report: Wendy and Helen retired the old computer, which removed it from our list of assets. Editors need a program, probably to be purchased through Tech Soup ($50 year fee). Much discussion followed.

Jennie Sims made a motion to hire a bookkeeper. Mary Spelling seconded. Motion carried. Jennie also suggested hiring a bookkeeper at an hourly rate, estimated to be $75-175 per hour.

Margaret Parks, member-at-large, will get names for our future president. Judy Duke announced that, due to family reasons, she will step down at the end of her term, next August.

Meeting adjourned at 12:24.

Marie Kelly Secretary

Judy Duke President