

Auburn Old Town Gallery
218 Washington Street, Auburn, CA 95603
Board Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2022

Call to Order:

This meeting was called to order by President Shoshana Bilunos at 6:10 pm. Attending: Patty Pieropan Dong, Susan Stoll, Jen Norpchen, Darlene Riel, Stacy Pedri, Stacey Lamothe, Diane Tharp.

Approval of Minutes, Diane Tharp:

The October 12, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes were approved as amended, the motion made by Patty and seconded by Stacey. Janis Quinn will be the new Secretary in 2023.

Vice President's Report, Patty Pieropan Dong:

There was discussion about a member who needed to be fined \$100 for not showing up for a shift. It was decided that the fine was warranted and would be issued.

Shoshi Bilunos will be the new Vice President in 2023, with Sonja Hanilton filling in as a substitute, if needed. Thank you, Patty, for all your years of service as VP!

Treasurer's Report, Stacy Pedri:

Stacy reported that November had a profit of \$990.94, however, the year to date balance is a negative \$4,815.32. Currently, there is \$10,968.93 and \$14,789.92 in the gallery accounts, totalling \$25,941.29.

Although no new supplies will be ordered for the remaining of this year, Stacy did order art labels which are necessary. Ann Ranlett completed an Amazon survey and received credit towards the gallery Amazon account which helped offset the label costs. Thank you, Ann!

The Treasurer's report was approved, the motion made by Jen and seconded by Susan.

Committee Reports:

Display Committee, Susan Stoll:

New artists Sierra Mohr (full space, but possibly starting as half space) will be coming into the gallery and Connie McClennan (half space) has already installed her artwork. The January Featured Art wall will be showcasing the new artists who have come into the gallery in 2022: Therese May, Ron Runtenelli, Sierra Mohr, Connie McClennan, and Barbra Paitich. Susan and Linda Miller will continue to chair the Display Committee in 2023.

Membership Committee, Shoshana Bilunos:

There are two two artists slated for January jurying. Shoshi will be mentoring Sierra Mohr and Kirstie Roberts is currently mentoring Connie McClennan. Suzanne Hambleton will be serving as Membership Chairperson.

Publicity Committee, Darlene Riel:

The first Classic Christmas on Saturday, December 10th was very successful, despite the stormy weather. Sales totalled \$1,700 that day. The next Classic Christmas on December 17th will also coincide with a reception by the gallery and the Auburn Symphony honoring the three gallery artists who donated their artwork for the symphony's promotions this year. These artists are Gia McNutt, Gini Crepps, and Diane Tharp. There will be music provided by two symphony musicians, refreshments, artist demonstrations, and a table set up promoting the Auburn Symphony.

There was discussion about the gallery's participation in the Placer Artists Studio Tour. This tour was deemed a success and worth the participation. However, it was decided that the brochure ad might not be purchased next year. The banner across the street was highly effective and it will cost \$50 to update the tour date on the banner.

Darlene will continue with the member anniversary postings on social media. Darlene also manages the gallery Google and Yelp reviews. Darlene will continue to serve as Publicity Chair in 2023 and plans to delegate some of her many duties to other committee members. Darlene is also planning to assign back up positions for key publicity roles.

Facilities Committee, Jen Norpchen:

There are 7 brand new lights stored in the hallway cabinets to use when replacements are needed. Eventually all the gooseneck lights will be eliminated. The lighting situation is all set for the time being. A member of the gallery is interested in the old lights and Jenn is arranging the sale of them to her for \$150. Jenn also reminded that vacuuming the rugs daily is very important for their upkeep. Barbra Paitich will be taking over the Facilities Chair position.

Events, Stacy Lamothe:

Classic Christmas on December 17th needs more staffing. Stacey will set up the canopy and have someone outside promoting the reception inside. The Auburn Symphony will be setting up a display and two musicians will be performing inside the gallery. Diane Tharp will be taking over the Events Chair position.

Old Business:

Shared Board Positions:

Shoshi will be meeting with Sandy Lindblad and Carol Belamy who will be sharing the President position. They will meet before January 1st. They will discuss how they might share the position, president duties, and ongoing issues. Board meeting formats will be up to them, but the current board feels it would be important for both of them to attend board meetings.

Resignations and Leaves:

Chris Foster will be leaving the gallery due to illness and the board waived the obligatory time period for leaving. Terry Accomando will be taking a 3 month medical leave.

Website:

The current board has been recommending a new website for a long time. Shoshi will ask Gini Crepps for a bid to create a new website and the new board can consider this in 2023.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20, the motion made by Stacey and seconded by Stacy.

Minutes submitted by AOTG Secretary, Diane Tharp