

Auburn Old Town Gallery  
Membership Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2023

Call to Order 7:08 PM

A motion was made by Judy Butler to approve the May 2023 minutes of the AOTG membership meeting. Linda Whiteside seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**Vice President's Report**, Shoshi Bilunos/Sonja Hamilton -No report

**Treasurer's Report**, Stacy Pedri-

\$10,978.49 account balance

\$20,633.75 account balance

\$182.44 petty cash

\$31,794.68 Total in the bank

\$1312.85 May profit

\$653.93 June loss

\$637.02 Year to date loss

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Shoshana Bilunos. Stacey Lamothe seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was approved.

Stacy Pedri reminded all members to please call her if a problem arises with the register.

**Committee Reports**

- **Facilities:**

- Barbra's last day is July 15th. Carol Belamy announced both Linda Whiteside and Jen Norpchen volunteered to fill the position till the end of the year 2023. Linda will fill the position and Jen will assist as needed. (They will work closely with the Treasurer on any spending for facilities items) Filling this position will need the membership approval via a vote. A voting poll will be created and sent via email to all the members on July 18. Voting will conclude on July 24.

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- **Display**, Susan Stoll

- Sonja created the wonderful new chalkboard AOTG sign that has been installed. Susan also mentioned that there is now Frogtape for adhering labels to the wall. Diane Tharp and Susan will be cleaning out the AOTG storage unit when the weather allows.

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- **Events**, Diane Tharp

- Thank you to members who have stepped up and assisted in previous events this year.
- National Night Out-the Gallery will not be participating.
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- AOTG Anniversary Sale and Reception- Sale dates, September 11th-17th with 20% discount on items sold during the sale. Reception event to be on September 15th. Diane will provide more details and solicit assistance for the reception.
- Diane will work with Publicity and Social Media (Sandy D.) for advertising the event.
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- The gallery will be participating in the next Old Town Co-Op Thursday, September 21, 5 to 9 pm. Diane will coordinate volunteers to set up and work at a table outside and do demonstrations for this event.
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- **Membership**, Suzanne Hambleton
  - New member Carol Crockett is in training mode and should be able to be on the AOTG calendar in August. New member David Rosebery will be occupying his space on July 20th.
  - Membership has received four applications for the next artist jurying event which will take place at the membership meeting on September 18th. Sandy D's team will begin a social media campaign to advertise the artist jurying deadline of September 1st.
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- **Publicity**, Darlene Riel
  - Carol B. gave the publicity report
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- The Lincoln Town City Hall Tundra Gallery is not available for the months we had hoped for – November and December. The gallery will try again next year.
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- Placer Artists Studio Tour Update- AOTG banner will hang over Maple Street with the 2023 Tour dates.
  - Darlene R. will solicit artists for 6 pieces of donated work for the daily drawings during the Tour.
  - Darlene and Diane T. (Events) will coordinate with other items such as refreshments, art demonstrations, and music and work together to keep Janet Nicholson informed.

Social Media will start advertising the Anniversary Sales Event as soon as the details are set.

Social Media is now posting 6/7 per week. It's great to have images of each artist creating art or at a show. These garner more comments and "likes". The team uses the information about each artist from the AOTG website, so if you have not updated the AOTG you should.

- If you have an instagram account please send it to Sandy D.
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- **New Business**
  - The membership agreed that the Plexiglas barrier on the front counter can be removed and stored (in case we may need it again).
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  - ADT false alarm protocol-Carol will add the false alarm instructions in the Gallery information binder. Specifically in the "important information" sleeve in the front of the Gallery information binder. The password/code is OTG.

## **2024 Board Elections**

Sandy spoke about her great experience as a board member. And encouraged every member to consider volunteering to make our gallery a better gallery.

Here's what Sandy said:

An artist can make a difference at the gallery to help make changes that they are interested in seeing by joining the board, Everyone can make a difference! Being a member of the board helps keep the gallery going, and helps to guide other members to achieve that goal! Joining the board is like being the backbone of our organization.

Sandy passed out a paper with election information:

### **Elected Offices & Committees on the ballot for 2024**

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Display Director

Display Committee (at least 3 members)

Publicity Director

Publicity Committee (at least 3 members)

Events Director

Events Committee (at least 3 members)

Membership Director

Facilities Director

### **Other Committees/ Associates (Volunteer positions)**

People in these positions may or may not continue in these positions into 2024. To be announced in September.

Technology Copies

Demonstrations Sunshine

Telephone Tree Nominating Committee: Chair & two members

Extra Shifts Auburn Old Town Business Assoc. (attend meetings)

Scheduling Auburn Chamber of Commerce (attend mixers)

Newsletter Roster

Facebook Keeping Membership Meeting Attendance

Artist Bio Binder

Technology: website, IT support

There may be more opportunities to volunteer. To be announced in September.

Carol B. Aslo spoke about the 2024 elections. Carol encouraged the membership to use the month of August to read the gallery bylaws and membership agreement in preparation for the upcoming nominations in September. She reminded everyone that all elected positions are open for interested members.

By laws and membership agreement can be found on the member's section of the AOTG website.

### **Extra Shifts**

- Extra shifts are consistently needed to fill the calendar. Please consider stepping up to take extra shifts.

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- **Announcements**

- Carol B. mentioned to the membership that former member, Shannon Morgan, had a stroke, Barbara will send her a "Get Well" note from the AOTG. If you want to send her a personal note you can send it to:

Shannon Morgan      *2648 21 St*      *Sacramento, CA 95820*

- One of Ann Ranlett's scratchboard drawings was selected as a finalist and will be published in a special issue of Artists Magazine titled The Best of Drawing (Strokes of Genius 15). The issue will be available in late November.

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- Consider using a text message for Happy Calls as another option.

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- KVIE Auction, Six artists from AOTG were juried into the KVIE Auction. Doug Parks will talk on TV(KVIE) about each piece of art prior to the auction

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- Adjourn-Diane Tharp moved the board meeting adjourn, and Jen Norpche seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Suzanne Hambleton (Secretary Janis Quinn, absent)