

WVA Meeting Minutes 5 APR 23

Meeting convened on Zoom at 633p on 5 APR 23.

Old Business

Marcia Hero made a motion to approve the minutes for February and March 2023, Tori Tasch seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

The entire schedule of upcoming SE Chapter/State shows (in Word and Excel) is now on the WVA website with the Minutes. Steven is working to organize the minutes into folders by Year.

Treasurer's Report: Tori reported that she had just renewed our insurance which is to protect our volunteer members who work on our shows. The cost is \$201 per year. We have never had to use this insurance. Tori also reported that the WVA has 3 paid state positions. One of these is the bookkeeper. Our current bookkeeper is giving up this position and we are looking for someone. The position pays \$125 per month and the person may not be an officer in any capacity within the WVA.

Cost of Juried Shows: Just for the Showcase, the SE Chapter could pay \$300, or more, for the free entries to a juried show. Our finances are not such that we can continue to offer free shows across the board. Members should expect to pay to enter SE Chapter Juried Shows going forward. (Non-juried shows will use a free software program, so it is not anticipated that there will be a charge to apply).

WVA membership is currently 405. There are 95 NE members (22%), 139 SC (34%) and 176 SE (43%). This is important because many costs from the State level are divided based on each chapters share of the membership. Because the SE Chapter is larger, we do pay more.

Possibility of a subcommittee to deep dive/brainstorm other fundraising options specific to the SE Chapter.

The Exhibit Committee has met several times since that last SE Chapter meeting, including a day of checking out possible venues. They are currently looking at using smaller venues for more specialized shows that would cater to chapter members whose art may not fit into more general art shows. They visited the James May Gallery (Could show up to 50 pieces in a live show), MARN and several others.

Odd Month Challenge of Opportunity –March's theme was "M". The top works, according to members activity in the Odd Month Album on our FB page are:

8 pts Judy Sebranek and Gail Willert; 9 pts Judy Sebranek and Lee Grantham; 10 pts Ted Injasulian;

13 pts Cindy Hansen and Ruth Vonderberg; and the winner with is 15 pts Cindy Hansen. Cindy's image will be the photo header on our FB page for the month of April.

The Theme for May's Odd Month Challenge is: "Celebration". Entries can be made on our FB page starting 1 May 23.

The application process for the SE Chapter Artist Showcase opened 3 APR 23 and goes thru 5 May@1159pm. Several have completed or started the application process. If you are in the midst of your application and have questions or issues, please reach out to Steven at sechapter@wisconsinvisualartists.org. Also, if you are entering the Showcase, you should consider having business cards and/or pamphlets for the show.

The FRESH 40 Deadline is 4/7/23. This show is designed to sell art.

A note for all members: Please look at all art calls critically. Is the event right for you and your art? Is it something you would be willing to try something different to enter? Can you push yourself out of your box for the show? Or is it just something that you aren't really interested in? These are all valid questions that only you can answer for yourself.

Amy Cannestra did an amazing presentation about her art. She spoke about her Open Art Space TASK, her work with Spooky Boobs and her own personal artwork. A very moving and informative presentation.

Members Present:

Steven Bauer, Patti Belbin, Kathy Kerner, Gail Willert, Cindy Hansen, Ted Injasulian, Julie San Felipe, Tori Tasch, Marcia Hero, Terry Fischer, Jeanne Cole Panka, David Bueschel, Amy Cannestra, Lee Grantham, Micki High, Pat Algiers, Judy Sebranek, Laurie Runnoe, Debbie Callahan, Jean Sobon, Roxane Mayeur, Christine Migala, Gwen Granzow

Meeting adjourned at 805 pm.

The next zoom meeting will be on 3 MAY 23 at 630pm.

