

VERMONT WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

Board Meeting

Saturday June 11, 2011

Firestone's Restaurant

Member's Present:

Jan Olmstead, Pres.
Mark Nielson, Vice Pres.
Reggie Springer, Recording Sec.
Lois Macuga, Treas.
JoAnn Di Nicola, Membership Dir.
Diane Bell
Claudia Carl
Rebecca Gottesman
Amanda Amend

Guests: Don Dalton
Eric Gottesman

10:10 - President Jan Olmstead opened the meeting and explained the objectives for the day.

Treasurers report: Treasurer Lois Macuga asked that everyone let her know how much they need for their budget and for any money they have put out and need to be reimbursed. She also needs to know what has been spent for the year for the IRS.

She announced that she will retire from her position in December.

Director's Reports:

Claudia Carl- Events-

She is already getting responses for the Alvaro Castagnet workshop. She has 4 deposits already. She is working on the October meeting and getting ideas for educational requirements. The Meeting will be at the Queechee Club on Sunday October 23. **If anyone had good photos from the Spring Luncheon please send them to her.**

There will be a paint out on Aug 14th at the Shelburne Vineyards in Shelburne. The grapes should turn that 2 week period and will be wonderful for painting.

Isobel Cochran may do a demo as suggested by Amanda. She had said she would do one for the WRJ or NH hubs.

Claudia will verify this .

Rebecca Gottesman- Exhibitions-

She was very impressed with the jurying for the Grafton show. Gary was very good. He picked 38 submissions. He did a slideshow presentation . There were 94 submissions by 41 artists. Ted Nutall will work with Rob. We need feedback from Ted on why he chose those he did as winners.

Rebecca is to confirm this with Rob that he will be there at the opening.

Awards will be cash only . Jan wanted Holbein to take one but they can't this year. There is \$1000.00 available this year.

Chandler show for this Fall. - There are 2 jurors provided by the Chandler. The opening will be on Sept 29th and it runs for 5 weeks. This is not an awards show.

We will not be doing an open show but the hubs can do them in their areas.

The Chaffee will do a closed one in July of 2012 to replace Grafton. Rebecca also sent a letter to Visions of VT in Jeffersonville to request a show from them. The Bryant is another possibility.

Rebecca needs to send notification for submissions for the Chandler show. JoAnn will talk to Betsy from the Chandler and need to know to whom to send the jpg. The announcement is to be sent to all members by 6/25.

Rebecca will notify Peter Jeziorski about not having the Grafton show next year. We will send him a formal thank you but no gift.

Diane Bell- Publicity-

Kathy Bergeron will do publicity for the state wide coverage. Diane will announce in Snippets that that we need images for the new brochure.

Kilda, a new member will do a member profile from the hubs. She will send this to Diane.

Snippets will go out in July

Amanda Amend- Volunteers.

Amanda announced that she had enough volunteers to hang and take down the Grafton show. She suggested that we need to build a team for the next exhibition and for future programs. She is compiling a list of people to do demos for the hubs. Tony Conner is working on ideas for the Manchester hub. Lynn De Moulin is stepping down from her Hub position. Lois said the WRJ hub is planning to meet 4 times a year. They have no events planned as of yet.

Lois brought up the idea of an open show. A long discussion ensued and Jan suggested that we have 2 volunteers to research this. Reggie and Claudia volunteered. **They will present their findings and suggestions at the September board meeting.**

JoAnn De Nicola- Membership-

The Master Database has all the zip codes added for the Hubs and is up to date.

JoAnn will send reminders to those who need to renew their membership.

Mark Neilson , VP - Audit.

Mark spoke with an accountant who suggested that we don't need to do a complicated 3 level audit., We just need a once a year overview by an accountant to see how we are doing and to make recommendations and set up Quick Books for our treasurer

Other Business-

Eric Gottesman spoke and gave us a proposal for working on our website. We voted unanimously to hire Eric to start working on the website for \$ 2,500.00. He will look into other programs such as Homestead and Square Space and will discuss this with Mark.

We voted to have jpg. submissions only for shows , no more slides.

The meeting closed at 1:50 PM. The next meeting will be held on Sat , Sept.17th.