

Guild of Creative Art  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Special meeting on April 24, 2008 at noon.

Board members present: Deborah Redden, Candace Peterson, Flo Higgins, Alan Leckner, Lucy Kalian, Bettie Rogers, Ozzie Arnts, Bob McDonough. Guild director Vicky Culver was present. Absent were Sydney Herman and Judy Stach.

Debbie explained she called the special meeting to bring everyone up-to-date on the building project, to discuss the time frame for the building program and to create a plan to get things underway. She also wanted to give new board members the background on the proposed building program. She said there had been an initial building proposal adopted by the board in January 2007. She added the proposed building plans were accepted by the board in February 2007 and in July 2007 there was a meeting with the architect concerning the new windows and to paint the building.

She also noted that in October 2007 repair of the roof was approved.

In February 2008 there was a decision made not to change the office area and a motion was passed by the board to proceed with the building.

She said there would be no more changes to the plans now as they have already been approved and the permits have been obtained. The windows have been ordered and work is set to start mid May on the outside of the building. According to Debbie and Lucy the work will not interfere with the New Jersey Watercolor Society show in May. The June gallery show will be delayed until September. Judy Stach has agreed to push back the Plein Air show in July if needed. However the builder will make every effort to finish by the end of June. Teachers and workshop instructors will be informed of the work and offered the chance to reschedule.

Building program chairman Lucy Kalian took the board outside to show them exactly where the windows would be and explained the planned work. An architect drawing is now on view in the main gallery and building plans are posted in the studio. The building changes will provide more visibility from the street and more workshop space by using a section of the main gallery. A door will be cut thru from the studio to the rear of the main gallery. The building will take about a month to complete.

Financing the project was discussed and Alan suggested a mortgage be considered. Bob McD will discuss this with our Advisory Board and stock broker. Debbie said fund raising might be a better way to finance the program which is expected to cost about \$37,000 which would not include outside painting and plumbing and lighting which could bring costs to \$45,000.

Alan recommended a complete inspection of the building by a professional and the board agreed. Lucy will get someone to make an inspection of the building and outline any other problems.

Bob noted the repair work should be done because the building is looking a little tired and in need of repair. He felt the work should be done.

Alan questioned if the membership had to vote on the building program. It was explained that board members are elected by the membership to represent the membership in all matters. Bob made a motion to start the outside work as of May 19 and it was seconded by Flo. Debbie noted that Sydney and Judy had given her permission to say they favored the start of the building and everyone but Alan, who abstained, voted yes to starting the

building program.

Fund raising programs should begin soon.

Lucy noted the Children's Cultural Center in Red Bank is up for sale at \$2,400,000 and would be perfect for an art center. She suggested we sell the present building and move.

There was no action taken.

Debbie made it clear that the only people to talk to the architect are Lucy and Debbie.

Otherwise, she noted, it becomes too confusing and causes problems. She also urged board members to be careful about rumors and to check with Debbie, Lucy or Vicky. It is going to be an inconvenience but it will only be a month. She also noted that everyone involved has been informed.

Meeting was adjourned at 1 P.M.

Flo Higgins

Secretary