

Guild of Creative Arts  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Meeting on February 6, 2006

Board Members Present  
President Deborah Redden  
Candace Petersen  
Sydney Herman  
Bob McDonough  
Lucy Kalian  
Bettie Rogers  
Geraldine Vergona  
Judy Stack  
Leona Shultes (visitor)  
Flo Higgins, serving as acting secretary took minutes  
Guild Director Vicky Culver was present  
Absent were board members Alan Leckner and Ozzie Arnts

Meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Board President D.Redden  
The Treasurer's report was presented by Bob McDonough and accepted. Bob noted the budget for 2008 of \$67,100 was "realistic" and the board agreed to try and work with it. Report was accepted by the board. Report included.

Debbie reported that Marty Connelly, who has served as webmaster of the guild website will no longer do the job alone. He will be assisted by Mike Menendez and Steve Ravner.

Debbie also reported donated office equipment is expected and Judy suggested the present furniture could be donated to the Rumson Country Day School which holds a large sale and will pick up the furniture. It was agreed to call the school.

Leona Shultes suggested a grant writing course to be held in New York City at a cost of \$195. She said she would be glad to attend and noted the course would help in getting grant money for the guild. Gerri made a motion to pay the \$195 for the course and Candace seconded it. The board voted unanimously to approve it.

Gerri volunteered to head a committee to start a study of events the guild could sponsor in honor of its 50th anniversary.

It was reported that membership needs help in updating membership lists and reporting on the membership. It was noted there were 11 new general members, 1 exhibiting and 1 junior in the latest report. Also according to the report there was an overwhelming number of renewals, which will be recorded shortly. Report included.

The Jury for new exhibit and associate members will be held on April 25 and 26. Upcoming guild schedule is included.

Gerri presented objectives for the guild which should promote the growth of the organization, increase revenue, offer diversity of classes to bring in younger people. A goal of three classes a day for 50 weeks a year is what she urged the board to reach for. Gerri outlined the goals needed. It was also noted that Photography classes would be a good addition to the teaching agenda. She said three quarters of the strategic plan is completed.

Lucy presented the proposed plans for addition and changes to the guild building. She noted costs are now at \$38,000 for the building work and another \$6,000 for outside work. Lucy noted plans call for a second studio at one end of the present gallery and a door connecting the gallery and the present studio. The storage area will also be opened up and new storage planned in the present office. It was also noted flooring is a big issue and needs further discussion whether to use carpeting or concrete.

A motion was made by Candace to move ahead with the building and grounds plans as proposed and authorized Lucy to get the necessary permits to start the work. Gerri second and the board voted unanimously in favor.

Gerri motioned to plan for a fund raising program to help pay for the building and grounds work. Candace second and the board voted unanimously to approve the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Next board meeting will be March 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm – 6:00pm.

Flo Higgins,  
Board Secretary