

Guild of Creative Art  
Board meeting  
May 7, 2008

Board members present at the meeting were: Deborah Redden, Judy Stach, Ozzie Arnts, Candace Petersen, Flo Higgins and Bob Mc Donough. Absent were: Sydney Herman. Lucy Kalian, Bettie Rogers, Geraldine Vergona, Alan Leckner.

Guests at the meeting were: Laury Egan, Sandy Cook and Tony Migliaccio.

Minutes of the regular meeting on April 2 and the April 24 special meeting were unanimously approved by the board.

Bob presented the treasurer's report noting the organization is in good financial shape and there is \$32,000 in the checking account and \$25,000 would be used for initial payment of the building renovations. Bob said this money could be put back in the bank via fund raising.

Bob also explained that computer printouts of the finances are extremely complex and that the categories in quickbooks are being redone to make things more understandable. He said it is becoming clear that the way the books were set up was not good. He added that although it was done with the best intentions it needs working on.

Complete Treasurer's report included.

A motion by Bob to give the Brookdale College Alumni Association a \$30 membership prize for use at its Art Show was seconded by Ozzie and passed by the board.

Vicky presented her report and said she was working with Stoimen Vassilev, a professional video film maker on a video about the guild to be used in conjunction with the guild's anniversary in 2010. It would be a chronicle of the Guild's history for distribution with grant proposals; for schools and libraries etc. People could buy it if they wanted) Several board members wondered who would buy the video and Debbie asked that the film maker be invited to make a presentation to the board of exactly what the venture would include and cost.

Vicky also report there was interest in a photographer's group sponsored by the guild. Board members supported the idea and suggested it should not compete with any other photo group in the area.

Vicky's report will be included.

Debbie thanked Judy and the Plein Air group for joining with the guild in advertising in the Jersey Shore magazine.

It was announced the official 50th anniversary celebration will be held on May 1, 2010 with Pat Zackman as chairperson. Locations suggested for the gala included Shadowbrook, Branches, Molly Pitcher and the Monmouth Beach Bath and Tennis Club. No decision has been made on the location.

Mary Fitzsimmons is taking over for Sydney Herman as head of the Gallery Shows.

Debbie praised the work on the new organizational forms done by Candace calling it "a fabulous job." Debbie also said Candace has really brought the guild forward and we appreciate it.

Candace urged the board to decide on a guild logo and stay with it. It was noted there had been a different logo used recently and the board should maintain just one. The board agreed there should be only one logo.

The renovation work will start once the N.J. Watercolor Society show is over at the end

of May. It is expected the work will be complete in about a month. John Hanson is the builder.

It was reported that the Guild Financial Advisory Board did not recommend a second mortgage be used to pay for the renovation. They recommended costs come from the savings account and they be paid back by fund raising.

The board indicated agreement.

Debbie praised the work done by Nessa Morse on the membership, noting the lists are now up to date. She called it “awesome.” There were 11 new members in April. There is now an accurate account of the membership. It was also reported that any unpaid members should be taken off the website.

Vicky noted she has been working at the guild for eight years on June 1 and hasn't had a raise since 2003. She asked for a \$3 an hour salary increase.

Debbie said Bob, Ozzie and she would meet in committee to discuss the increase and bring it back to the board. Flo volunteered to also be on this committee.

Meeting ended at 5:45 P.M.

Next meeting is June 4 at 4 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Flo Higgins, Secretary