

RAA Board Meeting Minutes
5/08/2024

Call to Order: 2:05pm

Attendance: Janey Kaiser, Bill Schwartz, Florie Baumann, Ann Elliott, Paul Moderacki, Liz Johnston, Kathleen Stumpf, Debbie, Afsaneh.

Agenda items:

April minutes approved.

Treasurer Report: Paul. Increase in bank balance. Received class income, instructors have not yet been paid. We have \$13000-14000 more than LY. Class tuition up 21% to LY. I have list of paid students
Filed IRS taxes

Programs

Afsaneh's films/programs have been going well. The latest couple of films had standing room only.

Bus trip to Legion of Honor for Japanese Block Print exhibit. Kathleen to check on this. No programs June- August.

Education

- Kathleen will ask Manoj to fix the website: member sign message in on class page. Membership list produced but printed too small to be useful as is for Ann and Florie.
- Liz Johnston: proposed health care policy:
 1. Call 911/ front gate
 2. Not move the hurt individual.
 3. Document incident.
 4. Possible UBER to get home RAA pay
- Ron Snyder hears many requests for introductory art classes and/ or workshops. ie differences between acrylic, oil and watercolor. Explore Beginning design and color theory (covered in Marcy's class).
- Afsaneh's classes cater to beginners. Perhaps highlight in course description that no experience necessary

Publicity-

Bill needs to put out an article for volunteers for the RAA board: openings for locker chair and a membership chair from paid members. Kathleen to send E-blast to members as well.

Picnic

Need for a picnic organizer. Janey was overwhelmed doing last year's picnic. Need to simplify food or perhaps a food truck. Bill suggests a team of people to organize / implement the picnic. 4/6 weeks lead time needed. Possible dates:8/30, 9/6, 9/7, 9/8 Change to a Sat or Sun

Exhibits

- There were 11 unpaid participants with artwork in the exhibit. At intake have forms to instruct how to become RAA member. Possibly another volunteer at exhibit intake helping people sign up and pay online.
- Cost estimates for the hanging system for Red Room. \$318.32 incl hooks and latches. MOD can install rails above. Can withstand 30 lbs per linear foot. Contacts: Ann Motello and Jeff. This is planned to be part of the next Gateway exhibit 6/2/24. Audio Visual project still incomplete. Is Javier scheduled to install?

Lockers

- We need a list of 'Paid Membership' for use by Locker chair and Exhibit chair. Ann would find it helpful if the list is alphabetized to facilitate entries for exhibits. List needed before June 2nd show
- Florie needs a Paid lockers up to date list generated by Paul.
- Reminders needed for locker renewals similar to the RAA club membership reminders that include the link to pay.

Membership-Ideas for the role of Chair.

Publicity to get new members

Input new members who paid by check.

Communicate with Liz, Florie and Betsy for their committees

Kathleen will check with Manoj regarding a membership list to have only paid members in the phone book.

Also ask Manoj how to send a link to those who passed their renewal date and wish to pay. A button on the Phone book page to print a member list.

Exhibits Ann Elliott

Updated liability form, one for Gateway and one for Creekside. Note different size limitations for each show.

Florie and Ann note that artists could use a short class on Framing/ hanging art. D- ring, proper wire to support weight of work. 1 hour workshop a on Wed (outside of class and open studio time).

Next Gateway exhibit on June 2

Update on new Red Room exhibit space. Need a hanging system similar to Creekside hanging system and overhead lighting. MOD can install lights and possibly the hanging system. Paul to look into the cost of hanging system materials. We will wait to work on the lighting.

Education Liz Johnston.

More class offerings can lead to mistakes in class enrollments. Refunds are problematic.

Prices of classes vary. proposed a 50% penalty for cancellation refund. Paul decides exceptions where a full refund is warranted. Entire Board approved this procedure.

Lockers Flori Baumann

Ongoing problems regarding those artists with locker fees past due . Resorted to going to their door to collect. People are not receiving reminders to pay

Kathleen suggests lockers paid annually from 1/1 unlike membership.

Liz proposed \$20.00/ locker for a maximum of 2 lockers for paid members. Approved by the board.

Florie moved up her resignation due to inaction over several months to address these same issues. Kathleen says to table locker issues and just implement annual payment for 1/1. Send e-blast prior to the end of year.

Florie expresses frustration with the use of numerous other spaces in studio outside of locker storage.

Suggestion to pay someone to clean tables etc. in studios.

Publicity- Bill

Club announcements in Rossmoor News. Asked if we need a table at the upcoming flea market to inform residents of RAA offerings. Need 1 month notice of the next show and state that membership to RAA is required to be exhibited. Draw attention to classes that are open to beginners.

Soirée: Wed. 5/29 features Jane Lidz also currently featured in Studio 1

Hospitality

Upcoming soiree is the next task.

Soirée

Do we need to employ (paid) alcohol servers (vs volunteers)?

Be respectful of studio art class in session while getting soirée equipment stored in studio one.

Programs

Afsaneh has done a great job showing compelling art films and eliciting docents to illuminate nuances in current exhibits. The docent for the Japanese Block Prints will forward her PowerPoint presentation.

Other business

Liz attempted to address the heating and currently the lack of air conditioning in Studio one. After this was reported there was no action taken to rectify this situation. This is a risk factor and therefore a liability issue. Kathleen to follow up.

5pm meeting adjourned