

**Olympia Art League
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2022
Zoom Meeting**

Olympia Art League President and Chair: Rick Drescher

ATTENDANCE: Anne-Marie Brown, Karla Fowler, Heather McDougall Simons, Martha Trupp, Nicki Buchanan Weber, April Works

EQUIPMENT: Equipment costs for an in-person (not a hybrid meeting) submitted by Rick Drescher (costs do NOT include consulting costs for Mike Kyer who is helping Rick decide on equipment needs)

Projector -	\$400.
Webcam -	\$300.
LED Lights -	\$49 x 2 = \$98.
Light Stands -	\$33 for a pair.
Computer -	<u>\$500.</u>
Total	\$1331.

Rick said there will need to be a stand for the camera. There will also need to be cables and plug strips and a microphone for the business meeting and program speakers. Rick will be the one setting up and running the cameras and sound system and later train others to help him. A member needs to be identified to run zoom during the meeting if we are to record the meeting. Costs also need to be identified for running a hybrid meeting (in person plus zoom meeting)

There was extensive discussion on the needs and costs of recording the program for the audience and then making this available on YouTube. But in making a hybrid sound system with the addition of zoom interaction with the audience in their homes, it will cost even more. Rick noted we are not able to tie into the sound system in the Lacey Community Center so we will need to buy two cameras and our own soundboard.

It was decided that the OAL needed a lot more time to make a decision on the exact type of meeting we want in the future and the exact equipment we will need. Nicki suggested checking out the Northwest Watercolor Society meeting as they have the type of meeting and equipment that we need. We were reminded that a poll had been sent to all OAL members asking if they wanted in-person meetings or Zoom meetings. 60% of the members voted for continuing Zoom monthly meetings.

MOTION. Heather moved that we cancel the meeting contract with the Lacey Community Center for September 2022 through January 2023. We will continue meeting with the Zoom format until February. Between now and the end of the year Rick will figure out the costs for having a hybrid meeting so that members can attend in person or via zoom. Heather and April will meet with the Lacey Community Center to find out what the cost to cancel 3 months of meetings (October November 2022 and January 2023). We were originally contracted for 8 meetings We forfeited the \$150 paid for the September meeting which was due prior to this Board meeting.
Rick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PICNIC: Rick suggested having a picnic. Everyone will need to bring a chair and food. Location and date to be announced.

POSTCARDS: Rick announced after spending one day at the Thurston County Fair selling postcards for \$5 each OAL made \$250. The plan is to give the money to an organization that will help the Ukraine. The money collected has not been delivered to the Treasurer to submit to

Unicef or some other Ukraine charity. Note that we forfeited the \$100 deposit for the Ukraine charity meeting that was to be held September 17 at the Lacey Community Center.

OAL POSITIONS TO BE FILLED: There is a need for three new OAL Members At Large this November. In the past a member was in charge of finding nominees who would be interested in running for the “member at large” positions. This member was not identified but should be by the next meeting as voting takes place in our November business meeting. Another replacement position is also needed for Diana Fairbanks, Superintendent of the Thurston County Fair. OAL will put out a notice looking for members who would like to do this. But it is recommended to ask members face-to-face in finding replacements.

ART GALLERY ON THE WEBSITE: Rick is working with Christi McGinley to clear the current gallery and start over with a new design soon. There are people in the gallery who are no longer OAL members. OAL will be asking current members to submit art pieces along with their name, the title of the piece and medium.

OAL BROCHURES: Heather obtained costs for printing the brochure at Costco, 250 can be printed for \$100 and 500 can be printed for \$160. Rick is working with Minuteman Press to obtain another estimate. It was recommended to print 500 brochures. Part of the brochure is an OAL membership application asking for contact information and volunteer positions they would like. April suggested using a similar membership application to send out to all the members to make sure we have current up-to-date member information.

LOCATIONS FOR ART: Currently OAL has artwork at the Bonsai Restaurant, Memorial Clinic TRA, Toyota Dealership and Olympia Little Theater. We are continually looking for more locations. April said the Washington Center for Performing Arts has several gallery shows each year for which OAL may be asked to participate but we should follow up. For instance, Panorama has an art display there every other year. The activities director at Olympic West has moved to Fieldstone Communities in west Olympia. April has asked the Executive Director to contact her when they are able to have a members’ only OAL show at Fieldstone. Heather will contact the Olympia Community Center for the possibility of showing artwork there for the 2023 Spring Olympia Arts Walk.

The next members monthly meeting is Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 pm. An invitation will be sent to all OAL members to join this Zoom meeting. Martha will contact the artist for our program to see if they are willing to do a Zoom presentation

Minutes by Anne-Marie Brown