

**Olympia Art League  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
November 2, 2022  
Zoom Format**

**ATTENDANCE:** Sherie Balko-Nation, Anne-Marie Brown, Karla Fowler, Jan Hansen, Terri Dill Johnson, Heather McDougall Simons, Martha Trupp, Melissa Ward

The reason for this meeting being called was after an email Anne-Marie Brown sent to the Board concerning the previous OAL monthly meeting. She thought the priority of the meeting should be to the people that make an effort to attend at the Lacey Community Center. She preferred the speakers to be in front of the audience at the Center. The last meeting people came to the Center to sit in dark room watching the speakers who are at their Olympia home talking on Zoom.

This email was interpreted as Anne-Marie wants to end Zoom. This was also interpreted as she wants to end the meeting at the Center and we must notify them 90 days in advance. Anne-Marie explained she was never trying to hijack the meeting, but to begin conversations to make the OAL the best club ever.

Everyone understood that these hybrid meetings are something very new for all parties in the OAL. Because of this, mistakes are made and they will be corrected as needed to make it better.

**DISCUSSION AND SUGGESTIONS:**

Heather explained OAL wants to have a real hybrid meeting with people meeting at the Center and also using the Zoom format. In this manner we will reach more people. We now have Melissa Ward and she is willing to be a Zoom Master. That will help a great deal in running the meeting smoothly.

It was suggested to turn the laptop turned toward the audience and having individuals come close when speaking. Possibly elevating the laptop for the speakers or having it on a podium.

Heather purchased small lights to illuminate the speaker's face if the room is dark. These lights should work well for what we need.

It was suggested to have a camera and microphone which could be used for speakers. Melissa said she found the perfect camera solution on Amazon for \$30. She was ordering that in time for the upcoming meeting.

**AGENDA:** Heather suggested the agenda would be something like:

**6:30 pm.** Heather would greet all the members both at the Center and on Zoom to inform them of the schedule of the night's events. There would be conversation and friendly art critiques at the Center.

**6:35 pm.** The art presentation slide show would begin for the people on Zoom and presented in the Lacey Community Center and repeated until the business meeting begins.

**7:00 pm.** The Business meeting would begin. The speakers would come up close to the monitor so the Zoom people could hear and at the same time facing the Center audience so they could hear. This business meeting will include the Treasurer's report and upcoming art show reports like the Members Only Art Show and the Juried Art Show. Then the leaders of the individual

support groups could speak about what they are doing and how to get involved in that group. And then Heather could talk about the list of volunteers that are still need for the different positions and what that would entail. This should fill 30 minutes.

**7:30 pm.** The presenter for the evening would begin. It will be up to Martha if they are at the Center or in the Zoom format as some presenters are local and some presenters are in other states.

It was recommended to have a test run with the camera and microphone and the addition of the small speaker lights. Several members said November 11 around 1:30 pm worked well for them for a test run. Heather will contact the Center to see their availability and will inform the interested members.

The next members monthly meeting is Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 pm at Lacey Community Center. An invitation will also be sent to all OAL members to join this Zoom meeting.

Minutes by Anne-Marie Brown