

Olympia Art League
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2023
Zoom Format

ATTENDANCE: Sherie Balko-Nation, Anne-Marie Brown, Karla Fowler, Jan Hansen, Heather McDougall Simons, Nicki Weber, April Works

TREASURER'S REPORT: April informed the Board that 2022 ended up with a loss. Our current balance is \$14,000. OAL now has 91 members. After January 31 Membership Chair, Lindsey Ford is willing to make phone calls to the members who are still unpaid. We are planning to give a proposed budget to the membership.

A proposed 2023 budget was sent out to the Board by April along with the final budget for the Juried Art Show in April. The proposed 2023 annual budget shows a loss of \$3500, a portion of which is caused by the monthly cost of renting meeting space. Two suggestions were made to reduce the cost ... 1) hold 4 zoom meetings and 4 in-person meetings per year. This would cut the cost of annual rent by \$600, or 2) reduce the size of the rented space by 1/2 which we think would result in a cost reduction of \$600/year. If we did a combination of both 1) and 2) we could reduce the cost of the rented space by \$900. Heather will contact Roger or Justin at the Lacey Community Center to see what options are available to us since we have already signed an 8-month agreement through May 2023.

The proposed budget will be altered based on Heather's findings plus Nicki's meeting with our Juried Show Judge, Roy Lowry about the workshop planned during the Arts Walk. The current proposed budget does not include Workshop income or expenses. We hope to make some money on the Roy's workshop, but more details are needed.

We also talked about having a silent auction sale for the month of May 2023 instead of a speaker to help reduce the annual budgeted loss. A chairperson and volunteers would need to be identified soon for this to take place in May. Also, the planned May speaker would have to move to Fall, 2023.

OAL WEBSITE: April, Heather, and Karla are working on the OAL website. There will be a new launch next week. It will be changing from WordPress to Square Space. There won't be huge content changes to the website; however, the look and feel has been modernized and the ability to modify and add content is far more user-friendly.

LOCATIONS FOR ART: OAL is always looking for more locations to display art. There was a comment on OAL Facebook page looking for artwork to display at the Dockside Bistro. Each interested artist should submit digital artwork to the Manager, Will Edwards to be considered.

Anne-Marie talked to Britt Bowman at Tumwater Senior Center. Britt is the Art Specialist for the Tumwater Parks and Recreation. She suggested having OAL display artwork at the Tumwater Library in conjunction with the Fall Fest at the Brewery Park at Tumwater Falls in September. The OAL artwork could be of salmon, or waterfalls, or the Falls Park scenes. The grids could be used to display the artwork. If there is a People's Choice winner then Tumwater could give a gift basket as a grand prize.

Anne-Marie will talk to the Olympia City Hall next week.

Sherie will be talking to Lacey City Hall next week.

JURIED SHOW: Nicki said the watercolor workshop will be Wednesday April 19 and April 20 before the Juried Show. It will be taught by Roy Lowry from Grays Harbor. He will be staying at Nicki Weber's house while he is in Olympia. The workshop will likely be held at the First Christian Church. The show will be running from Sunday to Sunday. More details will be coming later.

MEMBERS' ONLY SHOW: The next Members' Only Show will be at Fieldstone Cooper Point. Because of a covid outbreak only the residents there will be voting for People's Choice. We were informed that nails in the wall will be a problem. We can only use push pins or command stickers. We will recommend to participants to keep the size down to 16" by 20" for the paintings. Only 60 pieces of artwork will be displayed. April will contact Rachel at Fieldstone.

The next members monthly meeting is Thursday, January 19 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.