

**Olympia Art League**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 13, 2023**  
**Zoom Format**

**OAL PRESIDENT:** Heather McDougall Simons

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

**MONTHLY MEETING:** Nicki started the discussion saying the speaker Roy Lowry is sick and being tested for Covid. He will commit to speaking at Thursday's meeting but will do it by Zoom format.

Heather will contact the Lacey Community Center to see if it is possible to rent only half the room we have reserved for the meeting. Everyone agreed we should continue renting the Center if we could simply use half the space at half the cost. However for the Silent Auction we will need the full room to display the items. The benefits of the Lacey Community Center are the lit parking lots, the arrangement of the tables and chairs and the ease of set up of Zoom for the audience.

**ARMORY:** Heather reported that she and Anne-Marie went on a tour of the Olympia Armory. It is a huge facility built in the 1930's that the city of Olympia inherited from the military. The Armory is a 10,000 sq ft space for rent at \$19 an hour during the day and \$29 an hour during the evenings. It is not useful to the OAL currently but may be used in the future for something special like an art festival. Parking is a major issue there.

**THE BARN ART SHOW:** The Barn Nursery has invited the Olympia Art League to join them on May 6 and 7 to sell art. There is no cost to have a table there. More details later.

**THURSTON COUNTY FAIR:** The amount OAL spent at the Fair for the last several years has been gradually increasing. Discussion continued on the amount spent on ribbons, supplies and cash prizes. Dann Morris will be taking over as superintendent of the Fair.

**MOTION.** April moved that the budget for the Thurston County Fair will be limited to \$500. If there is a special circumstance where they need money they will come to the Board for the adjustment and increase.

**Nicki seconded the Motion. Motion carried.**

**TUMWATER FALL FESTIVAL:** Sherie talked to Britney Bowman at Tumwater Senior Center. Displaying art at the Tumwater City Hall and the Tumwater Senior Center was not recommended. 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 grids could be used to display the artwork.

Sherie is corresponding with Olympics West to keep options open for an art exhibit there. Details will be coming later.

**WEB SITE:** Our two volunteers for the web sites are Collette Mason and Sally Davis. Sally doesn't know Square Space and Collette is still working. April is comfortable monitoring the website. Christi McGinley is still there if we need major changes.

**SILENT AUCTION:** OAL will send out reminders to all members reminding them to donate art supplies for the Silent Auction in May. This is a big money maker for OAL.

The next OAL monthly meeting is Thursday, March 16, 2023 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.