

**WPW Board Meeting
Online via Zoom
November 4, 2020**

Members in attendance: Judith Heim, Susan Miller, Sandra Kahler, Ellen Busteed, Julie Fisco, Beth Betker, Kathy Collins, Sharon Grader, Sarah Guthrie, Pam Beer and Nancy Grigsby.

President Judith Heim called the meeting to order at 10:08am.

Recording Secretary Susan Miller reported that the October minutes had been approved.

Treasurer Sandra Kahler reported:

CD Balance as of 10/31/20:	\$6,082.78
Checking Balance as of 10/31/20:	\$13,606.57
2020 Gallery Sales YTD:	\$2,740.00
Paintings (9)	\$2390
Cards	\$350

Sandra said that due to the insecurities of the current environment, she wants to have the annual budget meeting early this year, i.e., in December or early January. Typically, just the President and Vice President attend, although anyone is welcome.

New Membership By-Laws Change: Judith reported that the results of the email vote on the proposed change were: 61 yes, 5 no, and 1 yes, but with qualifiers. She noted that this represented more members voting than would typically happen at an in-person general meeting, so she was pleased with that. The current language being replaced is bare-bones, leaving specifics up to the New Membership Committee and the new language is similarly structured in order to provide the Committee with flexibility. The one concern members raised was that the Committee would not see the applicants art in person before voting, but Judith and Pam Beer both noted that online submissions (and sales) are now the way of the world. Beth Betker moved that the members' 'yes' vote on the proposed by-laws be accepted. Sarah Guthrie seconded the motion and it passed.

New Membership Committee Chair Kathy Collins said that the revised process last year was to send applicants' resumes and five jpegs to each Committee member for

review. They checked the resumes to ensure that the requirements documented in the by-laws were met. Kathy said that last year was typical in that 12 of the 14 applicants met the requirements. After the individual reviews, the Committee met and saw all submitted jpegs projected on a screen to get a good look at the work. They were very happy with the submissions of the 12 applicants and they were accepted as new members when the entire membership could not meet in person to vote in April. With the change to the by-laws, this process now becomes the standard process going forward.

Judith noted that we did add the new request that applicants send a sixth jpg showing framing/hanging details on their work. This is to avoid new members bringing work to the Gallery that turns out to be unprofessionally finished.

Kathy has emailed the existing 11 Committee members to see who is continuing on the Committee. One member has volunteered to be added. Judith said that the existing Committee members definitely meet our criteria for representing different disciplines and also noted that with the process change, attention paid to the Committee and its activities will increase.

Programs Chair Sarah Guthrie said that the November speaker is Humaira Abid, an internationally-known artist and lecturer at Cornish who will talk about her artistic journey and perspective as a refugee.

In lieu of our normal Holiday Luncheon, the December meeting will feature Kelly Lyles, well known for her Artcars and derivative art. Expect to see art that is wacky, “inappropriately appropriate,” including holiday cards and Covid-related pieces. Judith said that she expects Kelly to talk about copyright issues in doing derivative art, e.g., her take on a Monopoly board, and public art. Kelly is well-known for her email list that shares artist opportunities.

WPW Website: Sandra Kahler reported progress on the site with additional edits coming in the next week. Although she is still looking to delegate site maintenance jobs and to find a new manager for the website, she is happy to continue to make changes and additions. Also, she is aware of an ongoing issue with search engines getting to the site (the original URL was incorrectly titled); search result changes always take time to work their way through the internet.

Exhibits Chair Ellen Busted reported that “The Legacy Continues” opened October 16 at the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center and closes on February 6, 2021. A 3-D virtual tour of the show was created by the Museum and, although it is only

directly linked from their website, a link on the WPW site goes to the Museum site and Sandra will add a heads up on our site about the walking tour being available there.

Ellen noted again that the Spring 2021 show “Reflections” will be in the WPW Gallery and juried by David Martin. Judith said that there was some confusion about the jurying process, due to the necessary combining of the juried Spring show with the planned non-juried 90th Anniversary show. David *will* be jurying artwork into the show, as well as making awards. The Fall 2021 show will be at Red Sky Gallery and juried by its owner Laura Michelson. It will run September 1- 30, 2021.

Newsletter manager Sharon Grader reported that the process for getting the newsletter built is now working well. Judith and Beth commented on how great it looks. Sharon said that Seattle Co-Arts had asked for award info to share in their newsletter, since so many of their members are also WPW members. Judith noted that both newsletters have sections highlighting members’ show activities, and that this was good cross-pollination.

Gallery Chair Julie Fisco said that the Gallery has been quiet, but she may have sold a painting to one of K Robinson’s clients. The prospectus for “Creatures and Critters” has gone out. Deliveries for that show are January 9, 2021; hanging is January 11; and, the show runs January 12 - April 9. New member T Kurtz *may* assume the duties of show chair for that.

Julie said that if you want to have cards for sale, you can simply mail them in to the Gallery. She said that people want to support the Gallery and buying cards is a way they’ve been doing that. Judith commended Julie for the amazing job she’s doing, keeping enthusiasm and momentum going in the Gallery under these conditions.

Other Business: Judith asked for ideas for the April 2021 meeting, since it will no longer be about voting for new members. She suggested having new members speak about their art, maybe from their studio space. And we will still be electing new officers at that meeting.

Judith adjourned the meeting at 11:00am.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Miller
Recording Secretary