

**WPW Board Meeting
Online via Zoom
March 3, 2021**

Members in attendance: Judith Heim, Susan Miller, Sandra Kahler, Amy Ferron, Ellen Busteded, Julie Fisco, Judy Kalin, Sharon Grader, Sarah Guthrie, Judy Perry, and Nancy Grigsby.

President Judith Heim called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

Secretary Susan Miller said that the February minutes had been approved.

Amy Ferron moved to approve the 2021 budget as presented and Judy Perry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. **Treasurer** Sandra Kahler went on to report:

CD Balance as of 2/28/21:	\$6,084.79
Checking Balance as of 2/28/21:	\$20,409.39
(includes \$3,197 awards allocation)	

2021 Gallery Sales (7 paintings, \$1730)	\$1,830.00
Also 10 cards (\$70), 1 catalog	

Judith said that the **New Membership Committee** received eight applications, conducted its process and submitted a slate of six new members: Diana Grant, Julie Rackley, Christina Scott, Priyanka Parmanand, Diane Walker, and Ria Harboe. Judy Perry moved to certify the slate of new members and Amy Ferron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. All new members have been assigned mentors.

Speaking for the **Nominating Committee** and volunteer positions, Amy Ferron said that the slate of nominees will be voted on by the membership at the next general meeting. The slate is as follows:

President: Judith Heim

Vice President: Susie Wind

Recording Secretary: Susan K. Miller

Treasurer: Sandra Kahler

Exhibitions: Carol Ross & Susan Walker

Gallery Manager: Julie Fisco

Programs: Sara Guthrie

New Membership: Marsha Lippert & Marilyn Charlat Dix

Marketing/Publicity: Judy Perry
Yearbook: Beth Betker
Eastern Washington Division: Karen Quint
Bellingham Rep: Nancy Grigsby

Amy will continue to work on updating the existing lists and databases of volunteers, ensuring that volunteers understand their responsibilities and that their commitment is for one year (May to May), and checking that each committee size is appropriate for its responsibilities. She'll also work with Yearbook editor Beth Betker to get the most up-to-date and accurate information included there.

In related discussions, Board members noted:

- It would be valuable to know skill sets of new and existing members to take advantage of existing expertise within the organization.
- Process changes within the New Membership Committee may enable a more coherent definition of WPW's "year" (i.e., what month it begins).
- The need for an improved process for getting out the word on Board positions that are opening up.

Exhibits Chair Ellen Busted reminded us that for acceptances for the Spring 2021 show "Reflections" will go out on March 10. Forty-eight artists submitted 133 paintings and David Martin is expected to jury in about 80. Show awards will be presented at the general meeting on April 14. Ellen is still negotiating the specifics of the Fall Show at Red Sky Gallery in September with owner Laura Michaelson. The theme will be to focus on the way we include ourselves in our paintings; not just self-portraits, but what is important to us.

Two neighborhood shows are in the works. One is at ERA Living, University House Issaquah from May 24 - 9/19. Judith sent out email soliciting interest, especially among Eastside artists. We need about 15 WPW members to enter, with up to six pieces each. Judith noted that there is no time constraint on when the work was completed, so this is a great place to exhibit some older work. It's also possible that the Sammamish City Hall will host a show, probably in October or November. Details to follow.

Gallery Chair Julie Fisco noted that March 10 is the one year anniversary of the Gallery's closure because of the pandemic. However, even with little traffic in the building, she is continuing to make some sales. Julie noted she has substantial success in posting show info on her Facebook page and reminded us that we all need to be sharing info and the virtual tours online. The Spring show will be hung on April 12 and volunteers to help are welcome.

Programs Chair Sarah Guthrie reported that gallery owner Karla Matzke will speak to the group next Wednesday. The April speaker will be David Martin, talking about the role of women artists, past and present, in our region. Along with the presentation of the new Board, the May meeting will be devoted to presenting new members and their art. Always planning ahead, Sarah will be sending out a survey to get members' opinions about which programs they have particularly enjoyed and/or would like to see in the future as she looks to set up meetings for the 2021-2022 year.

There was agreement that Board meetings will continue to be on Zoom, as will general meetings, at least until a hybrid in-person/Zoom option becomes possible. Sarah pointed out that allowing the presenters to speak via Zoom enables her to get speakers from beyond our region. Later in the meeting, there was also consensus that when it becomes possible to meet in person, we will plan to have two luncheon meetings and one demo meeting each year as the primary opportunity for members to socialize, as well as gallery openings, while keeping the other meetings/programs online via Zoom.

Much of the remainder of the meeting was spent discussing **Long-term Planning** and how to proceed. Judith had emailed the group a substantive 'profile' of WPW, highlighting its mission and funding, which must be the cornerstone of all long-term planning, including the possibility of becoming a 501c3 non-profit. There was agreement that Nancy Grigsby will serve as the contact in finding out if there are any members with any experience with setting up a 501c3 that can help the Board determine the feasibility of pursuing this option.

Fourth Corner representative Nancy Grigsby reported that the February 21 zoom meeting with member Jan Koutsky demonstrating her colored pencil technique was a huge success.

Eastern Washington Division rep Judy Kalin said that the group is trying to set up an in-person meeting in Ellensburg, as soon as it's allowed. Meanwhile, the group continues to stay connected via Zoom.

Judith adjourned the meeting at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Miller
Recording Secretary