

WPW Board Meeting
Online via Zoom
January 5, 2022

Members in attendance: Judith Heim, Susan Miller, Sandra Kahler, Julie Fisco, Sharon Grader, Nancy Grigsby, Susan Walker, Marilyn Charlat Dix, K Robinson, Susie Wind, Marsha Lippert and Sarah Guthrie

President Judith Heim called the meeting to order at 10:00am. She said that the Holiday Luncheon was a success and that the 30-35 attendees enjoyed the presentation of several members' artwork that is being shown outside of WPW venues.

Judith also said that Life Membership committee chair Kathie Bliss is seeking nominations. Typically, this honor is awarded to one person each year. The nominees are usually long-standing WPW members, who have held various positions, and been an outstanding ambassador for our group.

Treasurer Sandra Kahler reported:

Checking Balance as of 12/31/21:	\$22,408.16
CD Balance as of 12/31/21:	\$6,089.54
Gallery sales will be reported at the general meeting 1/12/22	

Sandra added that our business license has been purchased and insurance is up-to-date. Also the zip files containing the accountants reports are on our Google Drive account. She will be working on how to make that more accessible to everyone.

Switching hats to **Website** Manager, Sandra said that she has added images for upcoming programs onto the WPW home page and will be uploading images from the new show next Monday. She has submitted bills for website services in the amount of \$480 and a yearly fee of \$49 for a plug-in image optimizer.

Gallery Director Julie Fisco reported that the changeout for the new show is this Saturday. "Flower Power," chaired by Susie Wind and Priyanka Parmanand, has 25 artists showing more than 90 artworks. Julie said that sales have been slow; Priyanka sold nine ornaments and cards are still selling, but for the first time in a couple of years, no paintings were sold from "Dreamscapes." She announced that Molly Preston will be chairing "Northwest Style."

Julie added that the new system of participating artists uploading images to just one location seems to be working. However, Sandra said that they are coming to her in varying sizes, so they will be looking into fixing that. Sharon Grader, helping out temporarily, said that the Constant Contact email for “Flower Power” will go out on Friday 1/7.

Juried and Special Exhibits Co-Director Susan Walker reported that the Matzke Gallery show results will go to Beth on Friday and notifications to artists will be on or before January 11. The team is continuing to work on “Intersections,” our fall show at the Larson Gallery in Yakima. Also, Susan and Carol will be meeting with the Scott Millo Gallery later in the month regarding our 2023 show there.

New Membership co-chair Marilyn Charlat Dix said that we’ve received eight applications, including one from Eastern Washington, as well as two other inquiries. She asked if there could be something on the WPW website home page re: the 2/15 deadline, with a link to the application. Sandra said that she will add that, and make a link to information about joining WPW a permanent feature of the page. Sarah Guthrie suggested - and everyone agreed - that we feature the new membership deadline on our social media accounts. In response to another suggestion, several members volunteered to contribute statements about “Why I love being a part of Women Painters” to the WPW Facebook page.

Programs Chair Sarah Guthrie noted the upcoming programs include: artist Michael Schultheis next week, whose work is all over Seattle; in February, Chaedria LaBouvier, art journalist and curator at the Guggenheim; and, in March, San Francisco artist Cheryl Derricotte, who can speak about residencies. The April program, which was to include a demo, is still up in the air due to Covid.

Sarah shared that she will be stepping down as Program Chair after the spring <crying face emoji>, but will help her successor with referrals and give her any other information she can. Judith then noted that the slate of new Board members is confirmed in April, with the nominating committee starting work in February-March, as intentions of current members are made clear. As Vice President, Susie Wind gets to head that committee.

Speaking for the **Fourth Corner** Nancy Grigsby said that their next meeting is Sunday, February 20 via Zoom and all WPW members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The featured speaker will be Ann Breckon. As always, the group continues to work on growing their membership.

Judith confirmed with Sharon that the new Graphics Handbook of standards had been distributed. Sharon suggested it be added to the members only section of the WPW website.

Judith adjourned the meeting at 10:38am.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Miller
Recording Secretary