

CWS BOARD MEETING
January 17th, 2006
First Plymouth Congregational Church

CALL TO ORDER: President Gene Youngman called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Board members present were: Gene Youngman, Beatrice Trautman, Cheryl Scott, Patricia Rucker, Diane Fechenbach, Pat Fostvedt, Mame Cairns, Terrey Harrod, Karen Proudfoot, Janice Hanson, Retha Boles and David Wicks.

Also present were: Sue Williams as chair of the Juror Selection Committee and Nan Lund as CWS Webmaster.

OPENING REMARKS: Gene noted correspondence from Foothills Art Center, thanking CWS for our donation of \$400.00 to the Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Exhibition. He also passed around a letter from the daughters of Mary Ann Clark expressing their gratitude to CWS for honoring their mother at our annual fall banquet.

Gene also alerted us to the fact that CWS had an entry rejected from the WFWS exhibit because it was painted on watercolor canvas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Terrey Harrod announced upcoming events of the Lakewood Arts Council.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The following corrections were made: Elycia Schaetzel does not have the state show notebooks. State show juror, David Drummond, has not been confirmed as our May program, and Camile Scott (not Cheryl Scott) is no longer workshop co-chair. The minutes were approved as corrected on a motion by David Wicks.

OLD BUSINESS:

- There is nothing new to report on the current storage unit but we need to consider a larger space.
- The results of the "Member Survey" will be presented to the board at the February meeting and will be printed in the March issue of the *Collage*.
- Positions still needing to be filled are: Treasurer, Photo Pool Chair, and Workshop Chair. Discussion followed as to how these positions could be filled.
- Interim Treasurer, Mame Cairns, will submit the monthly balance sheets to Pat Rucker for publication in the *Collage*.
- The ongoing problem of exhibit receptions was discussed. Most galleries are cutting back on reception expenditures. Suggestions on ways to cut costs were:
 - 1.) We are required to use Three Tomatoes at the Colorado History Museum, but perhaps we could choose less expensive menu items.
 - 2.) Since the state show is our major exhibit could we cut down on costs at our other exhibits to allow us to maintain the quality of our state show reception?
 - 3.) Could we charge \$2.00 or \$3.00 a glass for wine?
 - 4.) It appears that food served on trays is consumed in smaller amounts than when served from a table. It might be possible to hire high school girls to carry trays among the crowd.

State Show co-chairs Monica Stephens and Patricia Greene will be invited to our February meeting. Cynthia Buchanan is in charge of the upcoming state show reception. Exhibition Official, Terrey Harrod, will follow up on this.

David Wicks has reviewed our CWS Policies. We have decided that, in the interests of time, we will go over two or three pages at each board meeting until we have finished. When all of the suggestions for changes have been presented and approved, they will be published in the *Collage*. Copies of our CWS By-Laws, Policies, and Procedures will be then be posted on our website for members to reference or download.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gene was contacted by Lapis Gallery with an exhibit opportunity for CWS in February. Since the time was too short for a regular juried show, David Wicks and Gene came up with the idea of a special exhibit called "2005 CWS Winners Circle". Any member who has won an award in a juried show in the 2005 calendar year is eligible. Gene will accept the first 30 applications. The ribbon or indication of the award may be displayed with the work. The piece must be for sale and a 40% commission will be charged by Lapis. Delivery is Jan. 27th. The exhibit dates are Feb. 1st through March 31st. The "First Friday" reception is February 3rd.

There is an exhibit opportunity at Sam's III Restaurant in The 16th Street Mall area. This is an ongoing show and they are looking for someone to take over the coordination of exhibits. Terrey Harrod announced the (one day) Mother's Day Art Show and Sale at Hudson Gardens. She is putting the information out but needs a chairperson. Watch for details on both of these opportunities in the *Collage*.

Roster Corrections and Signature Member status are being updated. This information and the names, contact numbers and addresses of new members will be published in the *Collage* as they occur.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS:

Interim Treasurer Mame Cairns listed a balance of \$28,118.40 in current assets. Members may request specific information from the treasurer.

It was suggested that we encourage all types of endowments, charitable trusts and other forms of tax deductible donations to CWS. We would publicize this under a "Did You Know" heading in the *Collage*. Any donation of \$250.00 or more must be acknowledged by CWS in the form of a "thank you" from the corresponding secretary.

Program Coordinator: Cheryl Scott announced tonight's program which will be a panel discussion by Gene Youngmann, Patricia Rucker, Diane Fechenbach, and Rita Derjue, with Cheryl Scott as moderator. February's program will be by Catherine Anderson, our workshop instructor. Catherine asks that we bring a painting with which we are discouraged and SHE WILL WORK ON IT. There will be an alert to members in the February *Collage* that this program is expensive and we are asking everyone to donate at least \$3.00 to help defray the cost. There will be a basket at the sign-in table. In March, Sandra Kaplan will present a critique. In April our state show juror, David Drummond, will do the program. Rob Gratiot is tentatively scheduled for May and in June we will have our traditional member-artist demos.

Workshop Report: Beatrice Trautman has acquired space at Colorado Mills for the Catherine Anderson workshop which will be held the 20th through the 24th of February. There is room for more students. We need a minimum of 18 students to break even. We discussed the need to advertise our workshops with name artists to other art organizations in the state.

Exhibitions Coordinator: Terrey Harrod said that, beginning in the spring of 2006, the New Mexico W/C Society will accept only digital entries. She also said that the Littleton Historical Museum will not host our show in 2008.

Membership Official: Karen Proudfoot reported 343 members, one of whom is new. We discussed giving new members the option of buying name tags if they would like one. They are \$5.00 each and this would be one way of helping to keep our dues at the current level. We decided to write this in as a motion at next month's board meeting.

Collage Report: Patricia Rucker, editor, stated that the prospectus is the responsibility of the show chairman. She asked that any information for the February newsletter be e-mailed to her by the January 23rd deadline.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chairperson Sue Williams reported for the Juror Selection Committee. The committee is gathering a list of prospective jurors. They have composed a letter of inquiry to send to possible jurors asking whether they are interested in being considered as a juror, whether they conduct workshops, etc. This letter of inquiry will be posted on our website with the caveat that a response would indicate interest but does not assure that they will be contacted. Tom Owen will be the juror for our Botanic Gardens show. Julie Kirkland is being considered for the members show. The committee has also prepared a statement of CWS Criteria for Juror Selection which will be sent as an attachment to these minutes and will be posted on our website.

It was recommended that a policy be established whereby it is recommended to jurors that they choose no more than two slides by any one artist but that they choose the best show possible from the submitted entries.

Gene reminded us to keep our volunteer time and mileage forms current.

The motion to adjourn was made by Mame Cairns.

Pat Fostvedt, Recording Secretary

Attachments:

- 1.) Prospectus, "2005 CWS Winners Circle".
- 2.) Balance sheet as of Jan. 17th, 2006.
- 3.) CWS Exhibit Sales, Profit & Loss, Sept. 1, 2005 through Jan. 17, 2006.
- 4.) CWS Criteria for Juror Selection.