

Central Ohio Watercolor Society Minutes

DATE: NOVEMBER 11, 2018

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LOCATION: GLENN ECHO PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

MONTHLY MEETING	Second Sunday of the month (first Sunday in May), 2:00 – 4:00 PM, Glen Echo Presbyterian Church, 220 Cliffside Dr., Clintonville, OH, 43202
PROGRAM	Lavone Suwalski critique session
HANDOUTS	Meeting agenda
??ATTENDEES	25 members, 1 guest
OFFICERS	President: Suzanne Accetta First Vice President: Marsha Cavanaugh Second Vice President: Jeff Stahler Treasurer: Sandra Gaunt Newsletter Editor and Corresponding Secretary: Jim Oberst (absent) Recording Secretary: Mitch Masters

President **Suzanne Accetta** called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm and called for officer reports.

Officer Reports

- **Jeff Stahler**, Second Vice President, reminded people about arrangements for the **Fall Show** in German Village, as detailed in the previous minutes and on line. For take-in, he asked that people enter from Third Street and drive on through to exit on East Willow. Volunteers will be waiting at the door to take your pictures up to the Meeting Haus gallery. Jeff sent around a sign-up sheet for volunteers. The opening reception will be Sunday, November 18, from 2 to 4 pm. Remember to pick up your paintings on Friday, December 14, between 3 and 4 pm. Jeff needs volunteers to demonstrate watercolor, or talk to visitors about watercolor, on December 2 during the German Village Lights celebration. If you can help, please contact him at jstahler@columbus.rr.com
- **Sandy Gaunt**, Treasurer, reported that, as of October 31, the Society had a balance of \$9,656.95 in checking and of \$8,052.16 in savings, for a total of \$17,709.11. Sandy also noted that members wishing to pay their annual dues of \$30 can do so at the Fall Show take-in. You can also mail your check to Sandy at 4795 Hayden Blvd., Columbus OH 43221-5519.

Committee Reports

- **Bess Alexander** (Membership Committee) reported that 10 people submitted material for acceptance into the Society on October 27. She thanked the 5 judges for their help in evaluating the submissions. Seven new members were accepted. Bess said that she will strongly encourage the remaining three to apply again next year. The new members are
 - Patricia Balassone
 - Ken Danter
 - Judith Duncan
 - Shomais Shirazi
 - Barbara Meacham
 - Jayalakshmi Balakrishna
 - Alex Ferree

Bess introduced the new members who were present at the meeting (Judith, Shomais, Barbara, and Jayalakshmi). They were welcomed with a round of applause.

- **Pam Hartford** and **Sally Ford-Lyles** (absent) reporting for the Website Committee said they plan to reorganize the website after the Fall Show. In the meantime, if you have an example of your work that you would like to have shown on the website, please send a JPEG of it to Pam at ContactUs@celticartistsllc.com.
- **Pam Harford**, as chair of the Public Relations Committee, noted that our Society needs to develop a greater presence on social media, which seems to be the way most people these days find out about cultural events.
- **Linda Coe** and **Suzanne Accetta** reporting for the Scholarship Committee noted that some progress had been made in contacting art teachers. Teachers generally liked the idea of scholarships for students interested in watercolor and for teachers interested in attending watercolor workshops.
- **Suzanne Accetta** reported on arrangements for the Spring Show, which will be at the Ohio State University Faculty Club in May of next year. Drop-off arrangements will need to be developed, since access to campus is somewhat difficult. Suzanne has also contacted the Columbus Cultural Arts Center about hosting the 2021 Spring Show.
- **Suzanne Accetta**, as Program Committee Chair, has been soliciting speakers for future meetings. She reported that **Bess Alexander** has agreed to do a pouring demonstration at our February meeting, which generated considerable enthusiasm.

Old Business

- **Suzanne Accetta** reported that she has followed through on buying new equipment for future presentations, including an Epson projector, a small portable indoor/outdoor projection screen, and tripods to hold the projector and an iphone/ipad recording device.

New Business

- After some discussion, it was decided that the December meeting will include a White Elephant exchange, to celebrate the season. The gifts should be inexpensive! Also, if they are art related, that would be a plus. Members attending are also encouraged to bring a delicacy to share. (I vote for anything with chocolate.)

The meeting ended at 2:40 pm and, after a short break, Lavone Suwalski critiqued paintings that had been brought in by members. She was very enlightening, and everyone had a good time considering how to improve the paintings presented. Opinion was not always unanimous, and Lavone reminded everyone that that is just the nature of critiques!

Our next meeting will be Sunday, December 9, at 2:00 pm in Glen Echo United Presbyterian Church, 220 Cliffside Dr., Clintonville. Come prepared to enjoy a convivial get together!

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch Masters

Recording Secretary