

COWS Meeting Minutes

Sunday, September 13, 2020

WebEx and On-site at Glen Echo Church

Meeting began at approximately 2:05 pm

The March 8th, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

New Business

1. Announcements
 - A. *Program schedule through the end of the year.*
 1. Sunday, October 11, 2020 – WebEx meeting
 - a. Members will receive an email giving them the information needed to join the meeting
 - b. On a Windows system, the meeting can be run from a browser, though an App download makes things smoother. All other systems require an App download.
 - c. In addition to a demonstration (TBD), this will be our Annual Business Meeting with the election of 2021 Officers
 - i. Information about nominations was sent out in an email on September 8th titled “COWS Meeting Plans for 2020”.
 2. Sunday, November 15, 2020 – WebEx meeting
 3. Sunday, December 13, 2020 - WebEx meeting
 - B. *Ohio Plein Air Society – Jeff Stahler*
 1. 25 plus artists from Ohio based out of CCAD
 2. Visit Ohio Plein Air web site for more information
 - C. *Exhibitions*
 1. Mary Whyte Exhibition “We The People: Portraits of Veterans in America” opens Sept. 18th, 2020 and continues through March 14th, 2021.
 2. It will be held at Vets Memorial.
 3. Mary will present talks, a live-streamed painting class and, conditions permitting, an in-person watercolor class.
 4. Visit <https://nationalvmm.org/> for more information.

Committee Chairs and Reports

- A. Membership: Co- Chairs, Bess Alexander and Lavonne Suwalski
 - a. Saturday, October 17, 2020 is the jury date
 - b. We cannot use the Westerville Library as usual
 - c. We will do this virtually with potential members sending pictures of the paintings and jurors reviewing the images.
 - d. A process will be developed and published on the COWS website.
- B. Public Relations: Chair, Tom Masterson – Nothing reported
- C. Hospitality: Chair, Cheryl Hill – Nothing reported
- D. Fall Show: Chair, Jeff Stahler, 1st V-P
 - a. The majority of members responding to our survey favored a Virtual Fall Show through the COWS Website. Yes = 13; No=1; Maybe = 1
 - b. A process will be developed for submission, jurying, judging, and display
- E. Spring Show: Chair, Kate Hagovsky, 2nd V-P
 - a. April 23 – May 29 at the Cultural Arts Center

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- F. Website/Correspondence/Recording Secretary: Chair, Pam Hartford – Nothing reported
- G. Finance: Chair, Mitch Masters
 - a. Balances are \$8600 in checking and \$7500 in savings
 - b. Dues paid in 2020 will also cover 2021 membership dues
- H. Scholarship: Chair, Sandy Gaunt
 - a. Received a nice note from COWS scholarship recipient

“Hello Sandra, I apologize for my late response, Things shifted drastically due to the Covid-19 outbreak and the changes I had to make from it. The reward that I received from the Central Ohio watercolor Society has been helpful in providing the funds for my education, as well motivational to have been recognized by just a notable community of artists. It inspires me to strive further in my personal work and higher learning. As of now I unfortunately cannot think of who I may recommend for the COWS award but if I do I will contact you. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Miles Balfour”

- I. Workshop: Co-Chairs, Jeff Stahler and Kevin Buckland
 - a. Per our survey, the responses were split concerning having an on-line workshop. Yes responses = 9; No responses = 5; and Maybe responses = 3
 - b. Fall workshop cancelled two months ago
 - c. Nothing has been scheduled as a replacement as yet.
- J. Program: Co-chairs, Jeff Stahler and Kevin Buckland
 - a. The programs for the rest of the year are being reworked
 - b. One idea discussed was visiting member studios
- K. Exhibition and Outreach: Chair, Sylvia Rosenthal
- M. Nominating: Co-Chairs, Lavonne Suwalski, Jeri Ellis-Platt
 - a. Nominations are being accepted for Officer Elections at the Annual Business Meeting in October.

Old Business

None discussed

Meeting adjourned about 2:45 pm

Program

1. Members showing paintings they had been working over the last several months.
2. They were shown via WebEx and in-person at Glen Echo church.