

**WICHITA FALLS ART ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES -----JULY 17, 2019**

Meeting called to order by association president, Kim Ward.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

- / Approval of minutes from the June association meeting.**
- / Jackie Phillips presented the treasurer report. Current balances:  
Operating account \$6,866.25 Main account \$11,306.14 Scholarship 18,617.23**
- / Dotti LeSieur – 100 hour volunteer certificates given to Mike Fiore, Dixie Ware and Catherine Stringfellow. Today’s visitor was Cindy Noles. New members are David White, Aaron Campbell, Glenda Carlin, Donna Holman, Jason Slagle, Rebeckah Mills, O.B. Baker, Debra Hodges and Frank Rubane. Dotti will be going to Oregon at the end of August and needs someone who can help open the gallery daily.  
Winner of today’s drawing for free hanging – Paula Savage  
Gallery visitors – June-109 June art walk-394 for a total of 503. 1 piece sold in June. The July art walk had 341 visitors to the gallery.**
- / Photography show has been moved to January. Dotti LeSieur will be the committee chairman for this show. She will be getting a committee together and reporting to Kim Ward as it develops.**
- / Kim Ward suggested an open juried art show for 3D pieces, ceramics, sculpture and fiber arts for March 2019 since gallery inventory is lower at the first of the year. This would be a month- long show and she will be needing volunteers for a committee. Members agreed this was a good idea. Ann Hunter did not feel this would be a conflict with the events for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary and that it could encourage more 3D artists and help the gallery be more diverse.**
- / Art Opportunities :**
  - \*Sheppard AFB is looking for vendors for the tax-free weekend. More complete info will be forwarded by email to members. Tables can be set up at the base exchange, but photos of what each vendor will be selling is required. This is a good opportunity to reach our Air Force families.**
  - \*Chisholm Trail “Art of the Song” entries are due August 1<sup>st</sup>.**
  - \*Graham Art Guild – Lake Country Art show. Entries due August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. \$35.00 to enter 4 pieces. Must be a member in good standing of an art association. WFAA put in 100 pieces in this show in 2018.**
  - \*State Fair of Texas – Deadline August 2<sup>nd</sup>**
  - \*ADC Fine Arts – August 1 deadline**
  - \*Pastel Society of the Southwest. Juried exhibition. Deadline August 7<sup>th</sup>.**
  - \*Mystery Art Fest accepting entries until September 4<sup>th</sup>.**
  - \*Gainesville – Feel the Power, deadlines September 8-9<sup>th</sup>.**

**/ Bob Barrow – Art Battle Update:**

**Reminder that as a member you can get two tickets for 10 dollars each, with the code provided earlier. We have more members now than codes that were distributed. If you are not going to use the code, please let Bob know so he can reassign the discount code to another member. If you have not received a code, check with him on that also. In order to have the success that we had at the first battle, we had to advertise. 75 posters were distributed around town and we will need some volunteers for distributing new posters for the August battle. The June Art Battle had 250 tickets sold and a total of around 321 people in attendance. Some situations have been rectified, such as the backlog of registration at the door and with Stone Oven Pizza, which occurred because of the larger than expected attendance. We will be advertising for the many events coming up which has and will generate enthusiasm and has helped bring in many new members. For the next battle there will be less expenses as easels, banners etc. are now paid for which will lead to more profit with the subsequent battles. We will be offering reserved tables – a table of 8 for \$200 (which includes a ticket for each). Part of the success of the art battle is non-monetary, such as bringing artist together and generating interest in our community and association. Art Battle t-shirts sold out that night, but we have a new inventory for August. These are also a good way to advertise. Net income was about 550 dollars for the first battle due to the upstart expenses. The auction of the artist's work netted them a total of \$1,197.50. The comments, exposure connections and participation due to this event have been outstanding.**

**/ Jason Slagel- went to an art battle in Vegas which was crowded and hard to see the artists, so he is impressed with our venue at The Warehouse in comparison.**

**/ Rocky spoke of his enjoyment of the event and afterwards the amount of connections he has made with the community and other artists.**

**/ Ann Hunter- 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary update:**

**Committee members helping Ann with the anniversary events are : Bob Barrow, Cindy Procknow, Peggy Cline and Ann Parkey. The WFAA was chartered in 1949, but actually started earlier than that. It came and went due to war efforts. The first part of the anniversary celebration will be an exhibit at the Wichita Falls museum at MSU. This will be a heritage exhibit of people who were founding members or early on members. There will be a panel discussion talking about early Texas art. In May there will be a celebration dinner at The Forum because originally the art association met there. In June there will be a membership show at the Kemp Center to celebrate and showcase current members. Committee members have been working on text for the book going through notebooks and articles from years**

**past. Photographs for the book are being worked on now for artists' work. Torin Halsey has had one session and will be at the gallery after today's meeting to photograph artwork of those artists who are interested in being included in the book. Saturday , July 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 12:00 will be the final session. Art can be 2 or 3 dimensional. Art can be framed unless it is under glass, which would need to be removed. Photographers who wish for their work to be included can send a digital image to Torin Halsey at [tnthalsey@aol.com](mailto:tnthalsey@aol.com) by email attachment. Recommended - 300 DPI Jpeg. About 8 x 10 in size. Artwork for the book does not have to be new work. The book should be ready by the time the museum shows begins in March.**

**/ Jim Edwards shared a painting of his with members.**