

WICHITA FALLS ART ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES ----- NOVEMBER 20, 2019

Meeting called to order by association president, Kim Ward.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- / Approval of minutes from the October association meeting.**
- / Treasurer report by Jackie Phillips. Operating account \$4,198.18. General account \$11,415.55. Scholarship account \$13,635.70. Art Battle account \$29,432.79.
Reminder that annual membership fees of \$35 are due. Those who may have paid 35.00 after July of this year will only need to pay 17.50 for the upcoming year.
Also, do not pay your annual fee using PayPal as the money is not reaching our association.**
- / Dotti LeSieur with the gallery report. October gallery visitors- 143. October Artwalk 157. October gallery sales -5. November Artwalk- 52
Alex Pappas was awarded the meeting/drawing certificate for 2 free hangings.
The annual Christmas party on December 5th will be catered by El Chico. Those attending are asked to bring a dessert. The party will be at University United Methodist Church from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. There will be no gift exchange, but members may donate socks and undergarments which will be donated.**
- / Marion Helmick and Mike Fiore spoke of the organization our donations will be made to. SonShine House provides food and clothing to those in need in Wichita Falls. At this time mostly men's undergarments in all sizes are needed. There is a box at the gallery for these donations and there will also be a donation box at the Christmas party.**
- / Kim Ward – reminder that the pre-sales for the 70th anniversary book are going on now for those who would like to pre-purchase. \$35.00
Art Opportunities – Walmart Community Mural Program call for artists. The program is open to all local artists of all ages and skill levels. They are wanting design submissions that will be reproduced as large, in-store murals.
Lucha Libre Art Exhibition – entries due December 20th. The central theme of the exhibit is Luchadores (Mexican wrestlers).
Quanah Parker Exhibit and Presentations November 6-December 18 is presented by The National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum in Fort Worth. Wyatt presented The Quanah Parker Society her heirloom quilt that commemorates Quanah Parker which will ultimately reside at the National Quanah Parker Museum in Quanah, TX.**

/ Bob Barrow update on the November Art Battle. Attendance was up from the last two events at 395. We do not have figures on the money yet. We have been accepted to host the national Art Battle event on April 18, 2020. This is a huge accomplishment for Wichita Falls. Volunteers that work during Art Battle do not receive any compensation except for their "Team" t-shirt, a piece of pizza and a cookie. This year Bob made hand dyed t-shirts as something special for the volunteers who work hard to make the event successful. When the national Art Battle is held here, people from around the world will be able to vote on our artists which puts Wichita Falls on the map around the world. We were required to have \$15,000 guaranteed and had \$25,000 by the end of October. We are looking for about \$20,000 more, so if you are aware of anyone who might like to give towards this event, please let Bob know and he will be glad to talk with them. Next year there will be the national battle in April and two local ones in July and December. Our overall Art Battle winner, Josh Mindemann, will automatically go to the National tournament.

/ Jackie Phillips – signed up for the ArtBattle as an artist in order to go through the process and found it easy to apply. Artbattle.com

/ Ann Hunter - The manuscript and photos have been turned in to Peggy Browning who is doing the page design. Please order books in advance so we can have money going forward. We would like to be able to give some books to places like the museum. You may also purchase an extra book as a donation. Donations would also be very welcome to the anniversary project. Books will be ready and available for distribution at the Museum opening on March 24, 2020.

/ Kim Ward- brought in a painting to show damage done possibly by not using the Foam Core board that is in the gallery for the purpose of protecting art. Please make sure you do not stack your art against other art while it is waiting to be hung.

/ Gloria Hood with The Eyes of Texas Fine Art Gallery magazine was our guest. This magazine is a great opportunity for those artists featured in the magazine to have a chance to win \$600 by votes cast by family and friends. One surveyor will also win \$300 for just voting.

**Members showing art were: Ken Jahnke, Grace Kline, Rita Dieterichs, Dixie Ware,
and Carol Castro**