

WICHITA FALLS ART ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES ----- JANUARY 15, 2020

Meeting called to order by association president, Kim Ward.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- / Approval of minutes from the November association meeting.
- / Treasurer Jackie Phillips was absent, so there was no treasurer report.
- / Dotti LeSieur with the gallery report. Introduction of new members visiting, Sherri Lane and Mickey Avery. Other new members Hanna Welty and Vanesa Decker. 70 people visited the gallery in December. Membership dues of 35.00 are due. Reminder to please bring your artwork to the gallery in a timely manner as artwork brought in late (after the first of the month) causes extra work for those who hang art and those that make the art labels. Also pick up your art promptly after your hanging time has expired, as there is no storage room in the gallery. Reminder that hanging fees for two consecutive months are \$35. You may not pay \$20 for one month, then decide to continue another month and pay \$15.

Carol Barbosa was awarded the meeting/drawing certificate for 2 free hangings.

- / Kim Ward – Many new members are bringing their artwork to the WFAA gallery so everyone is encouraged to drop by. A thank you to Cindy Thomas for her hard work hanging the art in our gallery.

In lieu of a December member meeting, we had our Christmas party at the University United Methodist Church. A special thank you to Judy Braddy for making this possible. Another thank you for those who contributed and made the sock and underwear drive in support of Sonshine House successful. A suggestion was made of keeping an ongoing donation box at the gallery.

Pre-sales of the 70th anniversary book are ongoing and can be purchased at our meetings or at the gallery.

Art Opportunities – / 35th Texas & Neighbors regional Art Exhibit.

<http://artgroupsdfw.com/tag/irving-arts-center/>

- / Texas Biennial 2020 Open call. Apply online up to Feb 7th.

- / Turtle Creek Spring Arts and Craft Festival, Dallas

<http://artgroupsdfw.com/tag/call-for-artists/>

- / Presbyterian Manor will be holding their second annual Manor Art Fest in April with registration deadline April 1st. Artists 55 and older.

Additional details will be in the February newsletter.

- / Michele Garcia told members about the online portal – CaFE' (call for entry) for various exhibits and contests that

are online digital entry.

/ Cindy Noles spoke of Merchant Monday which is a Facebook group where group members can post products and services.

There will be a benefit for Shawn Sargent Saturday, January 18th at 12 pm at Sticks Place. If anyone would like to donate art for auction, please contact Chelsey at 940-757-1077.

/ Bob Barrow - update on the November Art Battle. Attendance was up from the last two events to 396. We are hoping for attendance between five and six hundred for the National Art Battle coming up in April. There should be 16 artists from 8 different regions of the country, but we don't know who and where yet, as all the national finalists haven't been determined. If enough money is raised for the event, we will have a large video wall which will show the live painting sessions as they occur. New members need to contact Bob for a ticket discount code. Those who may have forgotten or misplaced their code will also need to contact Bob. A reminder that our Art Battle is not just about raising funds, but also about educating and involving our community in the arts.

/ Ann Hunter - Ann passed out a schedule of the upcoming events for the WFAA 70th Anniversary celebration and a form for ordering the anniversary books. She and Kim Ward discussed the need for additional funding for these events and the possibility of scaling back on the events if funding goals cannot be reached. The juried membership art exhibit will be in August and members will be given more information on deadlines, art size, etc. at a later date.

/ Sandi Gant spoke of sculpture workshops she will be giving at the Seventh Street Studio which include air-dry clay, paper mache' and bronze sculpture. Contact her for more details.

Members showing art were: Jim Edwards, Jerry Smyers, Sandi Gant and Cindy Noles.