

WICHITA FALLS ART ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting

June 17, 2020

Meeting called to order by President, Kim Ward

AGENDA ITEMS:

/ Approval of February minutes, which was the last meeting of members.

/ Treasury report by Treasurer, Jackie Phillips. Operating account \$3,831.55. General account \$11,422.51. Scholarship account \$13,644.89. Art Battle \$17,041.01. National Art Battle \$22,957.15.

/ Be sure that your 2020 dues have been paid.

/ Opening the gallery for extended days and times has been considered, but due to the surge in Covid 19 cases, the days and times will remain the same. The gallery will follow sanitizing protocol. Masks are optional, at this time, in the gallery.

/ We received a grant from The Community Foundation of \$2,000 to help pay for our rent and utilities. We also received an SBA Economic Injury Disaster grant of \$1,000. The WFAA has also applied for an SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan which is still in the processing procedure. Thank you to Doris Lackey for writing these grants.

Thank you to Bob and Debbie Barrow for writing a grant with the Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture for the "City of Wichita Falls Arts Grant". We have not heard the results on this yet.

/ Ann Hunter suggested that even with limited gallery hours it would be helpful if we could attract people who are visiting the farmers market with possibly an "OPEN" sign on the Ohio street side of the gallery, as our lighted sign faces in a different direction. Extending the hours on Saturday was suggested.

/ The Kemp Center has asked for volunteers for their ArtZeum. Volunteers can read, do an illustration or just be available to any visitors. When our members volunteer it helps us fulfill our mission statement. There are a lot of shifts available and we will have more information about this opportunity in the newsletter. ArtZeum continues through August.

/ Carol Castro spoke of her drop-in ceramics workshop for children : ArtZeum Clay Characters.

Carol will be on site at the Kemp June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22 and August 5 from 1-4pm. All supplies are provided and cost ranges from \$8.50 to \$25 depending on the size and style of the piece.

/ Art Opportunity – Art en Blanc: Everything white. Submission deadline July 31, 2020.

The Gallery in Frisco, Texas. <https://www.thegallery8680.com/art-en-blanc-everything-white.html>

/ Cindy Procknow gave an update on Judy Braddy who is now at her home recovering from a hospital stay. She would appreciate cards at this time. Her address is 1309 13th street Apt. 106 Wichita Falls, TX 76301.

/ Ann Hunter - announced that the Wichita Falls Museum of Art is now open with normal hours and the 70th anniversary exhibit can be visited. The exhibit will be up through the end of August. It is still unknown if there is a possibility of having an opening event reception. Carol Castro suggested setting up a table on the street at the Farmer's Market to sell the anniversary book. Ann showed members one of her paintings from a series of three. Ann also discussed the WFAAC and potential art opportunities and creative projects, as they come about, that may be of interest to our members.

/ Bob Barrow – the Wichita Falls Museum of Art may be putting together a round-table discussion group for those who might like to speak about or relay stories about the artists who are featured in the anniversary exhibit.

The Art Battle that was scheduled for July 25th was cancelled. The “regular” Art Battle scheduled for November 14th will or will not happen depending on the Covid 19 regulations at that time. The National Art Battle is scheduled for Spring 2021. Multiple regional battles were cancelled and those need to be held to determine who would come here, however those battles are in virus hot spots so that remains in limbo. As such, we need to find other things to promote our town and the arts.

/ Kim noted that the gift shop in the Kemp Center has a lot of items for sale and that are now being sold by donations. These have a “suggested” price and there are some items as low as \$1.00.

/ Gloria Hood – Presented the newly released copy of The Eyes of Texas Fine Art Gallery magazine. She invited all members to a meet-and-greet today from 4-7 pm. at The Maplewood. Gloria announced that she will be partnering with a wine publication in this region that has 30 wineries, so this magazine will be connected with distribution within the wineries. She is also aware of several area festivals that artist might want to participate in and she can be contacted about those.

/ Dates were reviewed for the upcoming 3D and threads show and the WFAA membership exhibit at the Kemp Center.

3D & Threads

July 11 Submissions due online

July 27-31 Notification of acceptance

September 1-October 3 exhibit at 8th Street Gallery

Membership exhibit

July 21-23 submissions to the 8th street gallery

August 7- September 27 exhibit @ Kemp Center

/ Marion Helmick - Kim Galan with Connect Packing and Shipping will be speaking at the July meeting about their services available for artists. Her daughter is also available to take pictures of artwork for artists that are interested in entering art shows.

/ Bob Barrow – 9th Street Studio is hosting an exhibit called “memento: Art that Reminds Us”. Details can be found on their website or their Facebook page.