

Minutes of Charleston Artist Guild Members' Meeting—February 8, 2011

President Pam Schussel called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm at the Gibbes Museum, Charleston, SC. Minutes from the January 2011 Members' meeting were accepted as printed on the website.

Pam announced the resignations of Christine Dunleavy, secretary and Jan Genosi, past president. The Board is now in need of a new secretary to finish out our year.

Copies of the Annual Budget report were given to the membership. It was also printed in The Easel & on the website for those not attending the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Budget with corrections; motion passed.

A Nomination Committee is being formed to select members to fill Officers' and Board Members' positions for the 2011-2012 slate. Pam asked members to please contact her or Steve at the office if they had an interest in a particular position. Alana Knuff had asked members at the check-in table to sign up to work on committees. Pam reminded the membership that CAG is a volunteer organization and if members wanted to continue to enjoy Guild programs, we need volunteers to keep them going.

Pam announced that The Board established three awards to be given to Lowcountry High School Seniors at the High School Senior Exhibition that CAG and First Federal Bank co-sponsor next month. Each scholarship is for \$1000.00 and will be available to the winners upon proof of enrollment in a college or technical school art program. Each winner will also receive a one-year membership to CAG plus a certificate of their scholarship, and their winning artwork will hang in the Gallery for a short period.

1. The Ellis Foundation Scholarship
2. The Ali Sayas Memorial Scholarship
3. The Martin Ahrens Memorial Scholarship

Debbie and Mark Daniels have agreed to manage and update the Guild Web Site for C.A.G. Many thanks go to the Daniels.

It was announced that the South Carolina State Department of Revenue have updated their decision on the Gallery's tax situation. Business Manager, Steve Jacobs read a letter from SCDOR stating that their legal people determined that the income from the sales of paintings and other items benefitted the residents of the Lowcountry; therefore, as a 501(c) 3 non-profit, it was a charitable sale, and not subject to sales tax. As of the first of the month the Gallery should discontinue collecting state sales tax, and the SCDOR is closing Charleston Artist Guild's account. Any further payment of back taxes is not required.

Norma Ballentine has organized The Winter Show/Sale at Magnolia Gardens which has been successful. Russell Buskirk and his committee hung the paintings very attractively in the back hall of the Gift Shop at the plantation. Thanks go to both Norma and Russ.

The meeting was followed by an eloquent power point tour through the history of The Gibbs Museum presented by Angela Mack, Executive Director. She outlined a grand plan for re-organization of the Gibbes, returning much of the first floor space to working studios and expanding the upper floor to what the galleries were in the past. Members were inspired and enthusiastic about the vision.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan North, Acting Secretary

(Edited by Pam Schussel)