



## Art Guild of Orange Park - Membership Meeting

### **Minutes from Nov 7, 2023**

Meeting was called to order by President Phyllis Renninger at 6:39 PM.

Minutes: Mary Fowler made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2 meeting. Phyllis Applebee seconded, and minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Studio Tour net profit was \$15,000. Our bank total is currently about \$36,000 and \$10,000 was moved to a money market account.

Membership Report: Sandra Jones reported that we have 79 members and 40 signed in at this meeting.

Updates from the board included:

- The Board is looking for a Treasurer, Beth has agreed to move to VP and Edie to Programs/Workshops
- AGOP Assistant Job Posting – no applicants to date.
- Artistic Views book is available for review and edits.
- Art in the Courthouse (Jan 8 10:00-11:00 take in, Mar 8 10:00 – 11:00 take down)
- Club Continental -- Garden theme and we will have paint days.
- Fundraiser planned for Oct 19, 2024, Safari Theme
- Members approved Mission, Vision, Values, and Tag line, Motion to approve made by Leslie Kruzicki and seconded by Kathy Plante.
- Concert on the Green is hosting Coca and Carols on Dec 15, 5-8. Booth rental will be \$100.

Upcoming events include:

- Field trips arranged by Debbie Cusick to Daytona Beach Museum Of Arts and Sciences on November 10, meet at Winn Dixie at 930, and Lightner Museum on December 6.
- Crosswalk Project Nov 21 & 22 and Street Party Dec 11 report by Kim Russell.
- Scholarship Raffle and 2023 Holiday Party, Dec 5 report by Nancy Page. Members should RSVP to Beth, ticket at door \$5, ornament, covered dish, table decorating, and silent auction.
- Exhibits: Airport Jan 11 "last Look" reception and Take Down, Thrasher Horne Jan 23 10:30-12:30 Take in "Speaking in Color," Mossman Feb 23 Take in 10-11 at Fox Center "A Moment in Time," with March 1 reception 6:30 pm and JCA in Oct 2024 (Reported by Kathy Plante)
- Communication Committee (Linda Hawkins) requested and received a volunteer to do website assistance (Leslie Kruzicki).

Announcements or questions:

- Bill Gura raised the question about working from original artwork. A discussion followed with members confirming agreement that for a juried show the artwork, reference photo, and composition must be your own (i.e., for example, not off any Internet or shared sites).
- Linda Hawkins further clarified copyrights and how to use photos as a reference (i.e., use a photo to examine how to paint a bird's beak or eye, but not copy the picture).
- The guest speaker, Charles Dickinson, complimented the Guild on a great discussion and further stated that some plein air locations are even protected such as Disney characters and landscaping!
- A discussion continued to talk about Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its use in artwork.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM followed by a presentation by Charles Dickinson on plein air painting.