

CENTRAL TEXAS PASTEL SOCIETY

Board Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2020

The Central Texas Pastel Society Board met at the Gardens at Verde Vista Amenity Center, 120 Clubhouse Road, Georgetown, TX at 1:00pm. Members practiced social distancing and wore masks. Those present were President Jane Copeland, Exhibition Chair Jan Frazier, Webmaster Karen Pickels, Membership Chair Mary Olivera, Publicity Chair Samya Lima and Secretary Sandra Slaughter.

The board voted to postpone the issue of raising CTPS's annual dues since our activities will be reduced this year due to the Coronavirus. The issue will be looked at again next year. For now, the annual dues will remain \$30 for members, \$25 for seniors and \$45 for family.

There are still 4 vacancies on the board. The positions of Vice-president, Librarian, Hospitality Chair and IAPS representative remain open. Samya Lima volunteered to be the IAPS rep as it corresponds with her current duties as Publicity Chair. All agreed that the positions of Vice-president, Librarian and Hospitality Chair are not relevant this year since we will be meeting via Zoom and not in person.

Jane informed the board that it is necessary for CTPS to hire a professional "registered agent" to meet the requirements of the Texas Secretary of State. This is an agent who will serve as our legal point of contact for process of service, subpoenas, etc. The agent must be at the listed address during normal business hours, so a CTPS member would not meet that requirement. Also, a member's home address would no longer be listed on the Secretary of State's website. A local Austin firm can be hired for \$39 per year.

The board also discussed the clarification from the Texas Comptroller concerning our tax-exempt status and how it applies to our purchases, not our sales. We are allowed 2 days of tax-free fundraising in one year. We need to apply for a Sales Tax Permit to have more than 2 days of fundraising per year.

The board voted to renew the SSL security certificate for GoDaddy at a cost of \$160 for two years.

Karen and Samya will be working to update the CTPS website with current work and information provided by the membership. They will also garner ideas to publish from other pastel societies' websites, as well as national artist such as Liz Haywood Sullivan.

Our first meeting of the year will be conducted on Zoom, September 19th. Samya and Karen are planning short practice sessions for members beginning in early September. Detailed instructions will precede the practice sessions. The meeting will include challenge paintings as well as a demo. It is planned to have the challenge paintings sent to Karen before the meeting so they can be displayed and a winner picked. The winner will receive a prize.

Jan will be looking into the possibility of an online annual show.

Debbie Been's treasurer's report shows a current balance of \$4,409.14.

The next board meeting will be a Zoom meeting held on August 29th at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Slaughter, secretary