

**Central Texas Pastel Society
Board Meeting
May 13, 2025**

Attendees: Alora Johns, Jane Copeland, Jan Frazier, Cynthia Bsaibes

Absent: Sherry Fields, Therese McHugh

Treasurer's Report:

Balance: \$3,155.55

Expenses: \$10.08 (computer expenses)

- Jane is creating new income categories for each year's dues in our Quicken bookkeeping software. Occasionally, a few members attempt to renew their membership in April or May because Austin Pastel Society's renewals are due then. That makes financial reporting for each fiscal year difficult, since we have had only one generic "Dues" category. Historically, we have selected dates AFTER the last meeting of the year to report on dues received for the new year. Notes in each transaction can be clarifying, but are not searchable or included in report parameters. Though we still recommend renewals be made AFTER the last meeting of the prior year, these more-specific categories provide some flexibility without compromising our financial records.

Secretary:

- Corrections were made to the spreadsheet as requested.
- Updated Signe's phone number and Diane Burse's email to include @
- Should we continue to offer Zoom meetings?
Alora will ask members if someone would like this responsibility.

Exhibit Chair

- For Saturday's member meeting, each board member will make a breakfast casserole, and members will be asked to bring sides.
- Members bring paintings for "Show and Tell".
- Members will be asked to vote on the "new board"
 - Holly Read to co-chair with Sherry Fields
 - Carolyn Kilday will be our IAPS Rep.
- We reviewed the prospectus for the library exhibit 2025.
 - Jan will make corrections
- Members will be charged \$35 to submit 2 paintings, and \$10 for a third painting.
- We estimated that \$700 would be collected from entry fees.
 - **Possible prize amounts**
 - Best in Show - \$200
 - 1st place - \$150
 - 2nd place - \$100
 - 3rd place - \$100

- People's Choice - \$50
- These total \$600, we need to pay the judge \$300. We may have to dip into our funds.
- During September's meeting Cynthia will bring a painting to show how a painting should be wired for all our exhibits.

Other issues discussed

- Should we remain a non-profit?
 - We need to develop a list of pros and cons.
 - For example, it is cheaper to rent a room at the library as a non-profit.
 - Jane will research restrictions on non-profit organizations.

Possible Fundraising Activities

- Partner up with Georgetown Garden Club for a fundraiser where we would sell botanic paintings.
- Market day, Art Festivals and Pop-up Shows
- Raffle a free art lesson
- Offer a class - introduction to pastels

Miscellaneous:

- We need to suggest artists for Sherry to approach for demos and/or workshops
- Alora would like a spring workshop after a regular meeting
- Alora will connect with Signe Cox at APS to determine how we can help each other.
- We will hold a board meeting in June.