Waterway Art Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2023
10:30 to 11:30
Bellinger Arts Studio

Call to order: Opening remarks by President Bonnie McIver and welcome and introduction of new members present.

Minutes, *Tony Francisco:* Move to suspend reading of last General Membership meeting held in May.

Treasurer's Report, *Vic Gaurino*: For fiscal year ending 8/31 WAA had cash on hand of $24,788. Fiscal Year 23/24 budget was approved, projected income is $29,000 including $5,000 in grants. Projected expenses are $26,000 for a net income of $3,000.

Grants: Bonnie discussed that grants will be late this year due to NC budgetary session still in process. We are still in need of a volunteer or two to help with the grant request process. Please let Bonnie know if you are interested and want to learn more.

Workshops/Classes, *Alex Wowk:*
-Alex Wowk to teach Drawing Basics-Sept. 21 for these who can paint but are unsure of their drawing skills. Still spaces available!
-Becky Steele to present "How to Make Money with Your Art On-Line", Thursday Oct. 12.

DEMO-Oct. 4, Becky Steele to review our new website with members. Bring your questions.

Membership, Vic Gaurino**:** For those who have not yet renewed their membership, please do so as soon as possible either via the new website or by printing a membership form and bringing it in.

Library Art and Show Opportunities, Bonnie McIver:

Fall Hickman Library Show "Force of Nature"-challenge yourself
(Winter will be "A Different Shade of Blue")

'Coastal' theme pieces requested for Shallotte Library

BAC ART SHOW at Free Spirit Conservatory September 18th – 30th, with reception scheduled for Sept. 23. Volunteers needed for tear-down 10/1, **12 noon** and Greeters Saturdays, only, 9/22 & 9/30. A sign up sheet to volunteer was circulated.

New Website, Bonnie McIver: A huge congratulations and thank you to Becky Steele for all her great work on our new and improved WAA Website. Please check it out if you have not already done so. Becky will be doing an overview of the new site as our DEMO on Oct. 4th.

WAA Scholarship Program: Bonnie announced that Betsy Cooper, has stepped up to manage our Annual High School Scholarship program.

Expanded Parking and participant space for Paint-ins now available: The Bellingers have extended parking in front of the building across the street, except for in front of bay doors, and all the way across the front on this building, with slanted parking around the side.

The Bellingers have also given us the room in the front of our studio space, as a private room for meetings, or overflow for paint-in days.

We have converted the back room/kitchen area as a 'quiet space' to paint during paint-in for those members who prefer a quieter setting.

Motion to Close: and Second
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