

Peninsula Art Association
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2025
Recorded by Diane Garner

Board meeting 12:00

Board members present: Julie Bowman, Marcy Libellule, Renee Matter, Glenhelen Smither, Diane Garner, Sharon Brocha, Becky Schuyten.

Board members absent: Renee Olson, Kathy Jacobson

Agenda Items

Julie has made business cards for herself to use as a representative of PAA. She has covered the expense herself.

Our space at the Civic Center has been reserved for meetings in June, July and August, as these are times when artists and art sales are most active. Our hiatus will move to November, December and January pending membership approval.

Medals are ready for the Spring Art Show in three categories – Mayor’s Choice, People’s Choice and Member’s Choice.

Julie, Marcy and Glenhelen all attended a conference for nonprofit organizations. As we prepare to work on applying for grants and other fundraising, we need to confirm what type of nonprofit we are and what our parameters are for fundraising. Sharon says we are a Private Foundation which may have different requirements than a 501C3. Glenhelen will look into our status, and we can make plans depending on what she finds out.

As part of our nonprofit status, we need to keep records of all our events. We will need a historian to compile binders for each event with records of expenditures, as well as binders for all the monthly minutes and board meeting minutes. We will need to keep track of any donations, where they came from, where they are going, and the monetary value.

Depending on our nonprofit status we should be able to provide donors with a tax receipt and/or invoice. We will need a historian to oversee keeping records. At this writing, no historian has been appointed or elected, although Renee Matter expressed interest in doing the job.

Julie has had conversations with Jordanne Krumpols of the Parks Department. She is interested in having events like the YMCA Family Art Day. Jordanne is also interested in any artists who wish to conduct workshops or classes through the Parks Department. The Parks Department would handle registration and provide the space. There is an 80/20% split of earnings through the Parks. It’s a good deal for PAA and/or any individual artists who

are interested. There are also opportunities to have art in the park at Wallace Kneeland park. The use of the park would be at no cost to PAA.

We need to create a committee for our Spring Art Show. We are looking for a chairperson to head it up. Some of the jobs that need to be covered are

- Chairperson
- Identifying tags – Marcy Libellule
- Volunteer coordinator to arrange for docents.
- Check-in for artwork on May 30
- Applications for the show
- Setup/tear down
- Publicity – Janette Styles will create a flyer and distribute it online.

Our signage for the art show is inadequate. Becky says she has sandwich boards we can use if we can create new signage to put on them. We need to explore other avenues for advertising.

It was suggested we open the Spring Art Show for one evening during the show to allow for guests to come in after work. We would need to pay for the space after hours. The cost is \$100 per hour for the civic center. Glenhelen suggested Thursday as a good time to open in the evening.

Depending on the regulations of our nonprofit status, and the rules at the civic center, Diane suggested we have a donation box at the art show as a fundraiser.

It was suggested that we ask the civic center to add more tables for our meetings to allow all attendees to sit at a table rather than around the walls.

General meeting 1:00 pm

We started the meeting by singing Happy Birthday to our president emeritus Pat Denney. We welcomed new members and guests –

Anne Marie Brown and Susan Bosse were here from the Olympia Art Association. We are invited to attend their next meeting on Thursday March 20. The social hour begins at 6:30, meeting starts at 7:00pm. All meetings are shared via Zoom. Their meetings begin with a one-hour demonstration, followed by a show and tell (which includes friendly, written critiques). There are breakout sessions for each art medium- acrylics, oils, charcoal etc. They have a juried show every year happening concurrently with Olympia Arts Walk. They will be at the Olympia Community Center and will be listed on the Arts Walk map. The juried show is closed for this year – stay tuned for next year.

We also welcomed Nick Altieri (sp?) who is new to the group and very interested in participating. Other guests included Pam Kennedy and Bonnie Jubb.

Marcy started the meeting by saying if we are to get our membership to grow and Art Association to become more active in the community, we all need to step up and volunteer. She and Julie have been working hard to get things moving and we will all need to do our parts. She asked us if we want to be an active group or a social club. She doesn't want a few people to carry the load alone.

A motion was passed to partner with Parks and Rec to increase art activities in the community.

The motion was passed to change our annual hiatus from the summer to the winter. We will now have meetings in June, July and August. There will be no meetings in November, December or January.

There was more discussion about the opportunities available through Parks and Rec. Jordanne would like us to do an event like the one at the YMCA but do it at the Civic Center in September.

Julie would like to create a more in-depth outline of how we want to grow. Of particular interest are finding a venue/s for selling our artwork, and more opportunities for fundraising.

Treasurer's report Sharon reported that we have \$2340.36 in the bank. She has receipts for everyone who paid their membership fees already. Membership dues are due now. Individual memberships are \$25 annually.

A motion was passed to increase the fee for a family membership from \$30 to \$35. Membership applications are available on the PAA website. Everyone needs to fill one out every year, even if you are a continuing member. This helps us create an updated roster.

Mission statement:

A Old: The organization shall be called the Peninsula Art Association. The Purpose of the Association is to sponsor and encourage cultural and educational activities in Mason County. The Association may sponsor artistic exhibitions and programs of interest to artists and patrons of art; encourage participation and appreciation of the visual arts by all citizens of the area.

B. New: It is proposed that we add: **Our goal is to contribute to the motivation and recognition by encouraging creativity and originality in all art mediums through education and community connections.**

Greg Bartol suggested that our mission statement is too wordy and would benefit from some editing. The board will work on paring down the verbiage and present it to the membership at a future meeting.

PAA is grappling with ways to define original art. We want to encourage that all art submitted is original while also recognizing that some members like to use premade kits.

Spring Art Show

Our spring art show is June 2-6 at the civic center. Drop-off is Friday May 30. No entries will be accepted beyond this time. This is an all-hands-on-deck event, and we need volunteers for every task.

Chairperson:

Volunteer/docent coordination:

Taking in art: Friday May 30. Sharon Brocha, Marcy Libellule. We need more volunteers on this day.

Setup: Becky Schuyten, Jay Bishop, Bonnie Jubb, Renee Matter. We need more volunteers on this day too

Cleanup:

Advertising: Janette Stiles will create digital advertising for our website and facebook page and will share it with her other online contacts. Becky has sandwich boards which will need to be updated and distributed.

New member Nick Altieri is eager to help in any way.

Upcoming events:

There is a fundraiser at Marmo on Saturday March 15 from 6:00-9:00 pm.

Marmo also has a monthly artist exchange.

Check at marmogallery.com for more information.

Annie Jones will be teaching an introduction to pastels on April 4 from 3:00-6:00pm at Marmo.

Julie is including calls for artists in every newsletter, to inform us of opportunities to show our artwork.

The colored pencil society is having a call for artists – see Renee Matter for more information.

The senior center has a regular art workshop on Mondays from 12:30-3:30. Bring artwork to work on and share ideas and advice with others. You need to be a member or a guest of the senior center to participate.

Show and Tell

Marcy Libellule – Several pen and ink pieces: frogs, butterflies and a portrait of a woman.

Renee Matter – created a book featuring her paintings.

Becky Schuyten – Pen and ink zebras

Pat Denney – a gouache painting of a zebra made with white paint on black paper.

Greg Bartol – “Don’t let your vegetables toss themselves into the salad” metal sculpture.

Kandie Walsh – a frog themed quilt with an original applique.

Jim Dunithan – three paintings, one of musicians inspired by a Norman Rockwell illustration, another titled “Looking for Dragons” and a third called “It’s Raining”.

Stefanie Herman – “Singing for Spring” painting of birds.

Annie Jones – Mixed media of a bird on a teapot.

Pam Kennedy – Photo on canvas of a wagon in the American Southwest.

Doug Meade – Sculpture made of Utah alabaster.

Craig Gurney – Mushrooms made of stainless-steel pot lids.

Program: Craig Gurney continued his demonstration that was interrupted by snow in February. He showed several sculptures made from scrap metal and found objects. He shared some of the ways his inspiration comes to him. By popular demand he recited his poem called “Brother Raven”

