

Northeastern CT Art Guild Inc.
Annual Members Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2022

6pm to 8pm, 5:30pm Social Half Hour

In Attendance: Julie Caprera, Alison Ciarlante, Nancy Dougherty, Judy Doyle, Katherine Fellows, Renee Gagnon, Angela Kasper, Theresa LaCasse, Frietha Lawrence & Guest, Pam Lee, Kendra Malizia, Hope O'Shaughnessy, Paula Pauley, Ramona Savolis, Elaine Turner, Jo-Ann Vandale

- I. Call to order at 6:07pm by Elaine Turner
- II. Approval of minutes from last meeting. Theresa LaCasse motioned to approve October's meeting minutes. Julie Caprera seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- III. Open Business
 - a) Treasurer Report – Judy Doyle, 2021 Year End Report: Income \$14,190, Expenses \$12,226, Net \$1,964. Current bank balance is \$5,295.50 (with \$44 check to clear). Angela Kasper motioned to approve the report. Nancy Dougherty seconded the motion. All were in favor.
 - b) Publicity Report – Alison, in 2021 we were able to utilize ads in local papers, news releases, Facebook posts and events, Instagram posts and our website.
 - c) Community Report – Elaine Turner, we strengthened our relationships with the PBA, WINY, Arts & Framing, the Courthouse Bar and Grill, Jewett City Bank (new this year!), Chase Building Supply (also new this year!) and Windows Art Gallery. Some ongoing projects: MLK mural paint day at the YMCA on April 6th, 2 more barrels to finish, and the Quiet Corner Garden Club looking for plein air artists for July 9th, also vendor tables available at the registration held at Woodstock fair grounds. Contact Karen McFarlin to register.
 - d) Workshops - Alan James Watercolor Series – Elaine Turner, Six Monday Mornings, April 4th through May 9th, 2022, 10am-12:30pm
 - e) Exhibits – Silver Circle, Loos Gallery – Renee Gagnon – Fall Back Exhibit Update: We exhibited at Silver Circle Gallery for all of November, although by appointment, except for the opening reception. Congrats to our 4 sales: Lisa Mooradian, Elaine Turner, Susan Scott Kenney, and Renee Gagnon. Winter Tales Update: Exhibiting at the Loos Center Gallery for all of December through February with the gallery being open to the public during all the events held in that time period, plus students from the WA. 4 artists sold artwork with 1 sale pending: Elaine Turner, Elizabeth Fecteau, Dorothy Ford-King, Rachael Budd and Lisa Mooradian.
 - f) Summary Report for Putnam Area Foundation Grant \$2500.00 – ET, Last year we used the grant money to establish our online art gallery on our website. We plan on applying again this year. We can request a larger amount if we have a plan.
 - g) President's Summary Report for 2021 – see additional attachment.

IV. New Business

a) Elections – Slate of Officers – one year term

President – Julie Caprera VOTE AYE (all), NAY (0)

Vice President – Pam Lee VOTE AYE (all), NAY (0)

Secretary – Renee Gagnon VOTE AYE (all), NAY (0)

Treasurer – Judy Doyle VOTE AYE(all), NAY (0)

Board of Directors, Three Year Term –

Alison Ciarlante, VOTE AYE (all), NAY (0)

Beth Johnston, VOTE AYE (all), NAY (0)

Paula Pauley, VOTE AYE (all), NAY (0)

Ramona Savolis, VOTE AYE (all), NAY (0)

Elaine Turner, VOTE AYE (all), NAY (0)

b.) Up Coming Exhibits – Ruth Wells - March, Vanilla Bean- May - Julie C.

Ruth Wells is hung and ready, showing Saturday and Sundays for the month of March, 10-4. A closing reception will be held March 27th, 2-4pm. Come and meet the artists. Still looking for one additional gallery sitter for March 27th 10am-1pm. Vanilla Bean update – May exhibit, Still working on a hang date, prospectus to follow soon. Each artist can submit 3 pieces (only one large piece please).

c.) Ongoing Exhibits – Exhibit at Jewett City changes featured artists monthly. The whole year of 2022 is filled. Arts and Framing change out to be announced in the coming weeks. Courthouse Bar and Grille, Windows Art Gallery, just had a change out. Chace Building Supply – Alison C. – already sold 3 pieces: Jeff Payette, Lynn Herklots and Elaine Turner

d.) Committees - Hospitality and Public Relations – sign-up sheet was passed around. You can email Renee if you are interested in either committee.

e.) Members Introductions

f.) Other – future exhibits, fairs, workshops, and demonstrations.

Beth Johnston will be demonstrating at our next meeting. She has volunteered to do a workshop on how to submit your bio online for the website gallery. Bring bio and your device (phone, tablet, laptop) for that evening.

Suggestions for Member Relations: Phone Chain, add Zoom to each meeting for both live and remote members, do a survey to find out why members do not attend, send out newsletters regularly.

V. Adjournment – Judy Doyle motioned to adjourn at 7:49, Theresa LaCasse seconded the motion. All were in favor.