

# Yosemite Western Artists Board Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2017

(The board meeting was held this date since our normal meeting time had been cancelled.)

Attending: Sandee Scott, Pres; Gina Mims, Vice Pres/Communications; Wendy Denton, Vice Pres/Demo Planner; Norma Rogers, Treasurer; Carla Rajnus, Secretary; Bill Davis, Webmaster; Doug Boomer, Gertrude Operations; and Terry Robinson, Plein Air Coordinator.

Norma Rogers reported on the budget. \$1,136.65 was made last year, making for a total of \$4,290.00 in the bank currently.

Discussion of what equipment the group wants to purchase to enhance the ability of watching and recording demos continued from last month. Sandee has been researching the ELMO HD camera which is especially designed for this purpose. Additionally, Terry and others in the group believe that the group would benefit from having internet access at Gertrude. He uses Northland Cable which is \$150 to install and \$55/mo. Camera and projector research will continue and it was left that Terry would "test" using his own camera equipment at an upcoming Portrait Group in February to see if investing in expensive equipment is necessary.

Doug reported on the material he used on the back steps to make them less slippery and he advises putting something on the front steps too. Someone suggested asphalt shingles so Doug might try that. We now have two new fire extinguishers that are mounted near the kitchen and the fireplace. We also have official-looking Exit signs. Thank you, Doug!

Wendy stated that Lola Nelson is set for the February Demo on her use of watercolor. Gretchen Lee, who was scheduled to be our January Demo artist, is willing to come at some future time. (Jan. meeting was cancelled due to snow.)

Terry is planning to reschedule the Bailey Flat Plein Air outing for February 22. He suggested that a donation at plein air events be asked; \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. This was voted on and approved and Bill will add it to the web site.

Discussion continued regarding the Artists pages on the YWA website. The email vote was in favor of offering this benefit for free. Discussed and agreed that for future updates on their artist page, we would ask for \$20 from the artist. Those who have already paid \$20 for their initial page will be able to make a major

update sometime in the future, unless they wish to receive a refund. Also, Bill is adding new members on our website directory as new members join via PayPal on the website. For members renewing or joining by mail or in person, there will be a delay before member is added to the Directory since that information is relayed from the Treasurer. Bill reported that all visits to the YWA Facebook page have increased.

Gina will send out an eBlast reminding folks that the end of the month is approaching and they need to join or renew by 1/31/17 to be eligible for the drawing for Allards gift cards.

It was noted that the Domaine name Yosemitewesternartists.org (we currently have .com, although we used to have .org) can be renewed. Gina will check into the least expensive way to accomplish this.

Sandee shared some updates regarding the Tri County show. Bill Davis has been asked by Sandee, and has agreed, to be one of the three judges. Other potential judges were discussed. Intake will be April 19 and the show opens 4/22. It will be held in Gallery 5, a new gallery managed by Jon Bock at Gallery Row. Norma volunteered to help with intake. Additionally, the show is again invited to Circle Gallery for a May exhibit. Sandee announced that the transporting of the pieces will not be done as before with one or two people doing all the transporting; we will ask for group "captains" to transport 5 - 10 pieces of artwork each.

The idea of having a show at Gertrude Schoolhouse for Sierra Art Trails was explored. It has been approved by the S.A.T. administrator to have three people as the primary exhibitors, and they would "sit" the show. All other YWA members would be eligible to have one piece at Gertrude during that time also. The three primary artists would be juried and responsible for fees. Additional details to be worked out.

The next meeting will be on February 18 followed by the pot luck and demo.

Respectfully yours,

Carla Rajnus, Secretary