

## MINUTES

### DOCENT COUNCIL BOARD MEETING February 9, 2022

Present at a meeting by Zoom: Patty Santiago; Karen Howsam; Christine Holland; Jeff Vitucci; Teda Pilcher; Pattie Firestone; SaraJum Quazi; Irene Stone; Denise Klassen; Shirley Waxman and Gail Stichler.

Museum Education Department: Patsy Hicks and Rachel Heidenry.

President Patty Santiago called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes of the January 9, 2022 meeting were approved.

## BOARD REPORTS

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT – PATTY SANTIAGO

The new Slate of Officers is being prepared. Most current board members have agreed to serve again. Patty is in the process of finding new members and hopes to include new actives.

Patty met with Patsy and Rachel to discuss docent recruitment and student touring. She thanks Teda and Irene for excellent work in scheduling student tours.

There are 5 new actives on Leave of Absence and they have been notified that they must tour and be evaluated by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

The revised dress code statement was approved.

### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - KAREN HOWSAM

There are ten people signed up for the April trip to Dallas and Crystal Bridges Museum.

### SECRETARY – CHRISTINE HOLLAND

No report.

### TREASURER'S REPORT – JEFF VITUCCI

In January there were deposits to the memorial funds for Jerry Jensen and Queenie Scheurwater. He sent reimbursements for expenses related to the Docent holiday party. Checking account balance is \$15,988 and savings account balance is \$10,339.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT - PATTIE FIRESTONE

Pattie has received more reported hours and now has 5177 research hours and 100 public tour hours recorded. There are 53 active members with 10 Docents on LOA.

The Board approves the request of New active Andrew Baker for a 3 month LOA.

### ADULT TOURS – DENISE KLASSEN

There were 5 tours with 28 visitors. The Spring Highlights team has received its tour dates.

For the Van Gogh team, Denise and Laura will send a note to the team reminding that the tour should be limited to 45 minutes. The touring docent should sweep in the Van Gogh exhibit only, as we expect that

there will be enough people in the VG galleries who will want to take a tour. Rachel notes that there will be information at the front desk about the VG tours.

#### STUDENT TOURS – TEDA PILCHER

There were 3 student tours scheduled. Currently, the VG tours are on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, two tours per morning. Teda has received the March calendar and as of today there are 9 tours scheduled. She will send a calendar to the team with the current assignments for touring. Some of the docents on the VG student team have changed. There are now 12 on the team with 5 “angels.” Patty will announce at the docent council meeting that more docents are welcome to join the VG student team.

#### RESEARCH – SARAJUM QUAZI

One new research paper will be prepared. She has prepared a revised list of research needs.

#### EVALUATIONS – SHIRLEY WAXMAN

No report.

#### WEBMASTER – GAIL STICHLER

No report.

#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – PATSY HICKS AND RACHEL HEIDENRY

Rachel thanks docents for all the preparation work for the Van Gogh exhibit. She will send out sign up lists for the special exhibits. There is even one high school coming from Bakersfield.

Re Docent Recruitment, there will be an article in the Museum newsletter. At Patsy’s suggestion, the Board agrees on one event in May. There will be ads in The Independent and on social media.

The year-end docent recognition ceremony will be in June. The Board votes to have the ceremony at the Ridley Tree center, outside, for a more relaxed environment.

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be an event for teachers with docent tours of the VG exhibit. There are 5 docents signed up. There will be lesson plans, etc. handed to the teachers.

The Education Department is working with information and with educators regarding the best way to answer questions about Van Gogh’s self-harming and suicide. There will be an “inclusive language guide” for mental health and suicide topics that will be provided to docents.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Patty adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Holland, Board Secretary