

MINUTES

DOCENT COUNCIL BOARD MEETING March 9, 2022

Present at the meeting at Ridley Tree Center: 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 February 9, 2022 meeting were approved.

BOARD REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – PATTY SANTIAGO

The new Slate of Officers will be published in La Muse and the vote will be at the Docent Council meeting of April 6th

Patty noted with pleasure that the Van Gogh exhibit, which opened February 25th, has attracted large crowds in the galleries and on the daily Docent tours. Because of the large crowds, and the fact that there are few other galleries open at this time, we will pause the Highlights Tours until the end of the Van Gogh exhibit at the end of May. The tours for "Nature and Spirituality" will continue.

Five New Active Docents are on Leave of Absence. They have been advised that in order to be on the Summer Highlights Team, they must do an evaluation tour after the Van Gogh exhibit is closed. One New Active Docent resigned. Two have not yet responded.

We sent flowers to Helene Strobel who recently had surgery,

The tentative date for the Docent Recognition celebration is Friday June 3rd.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - KAREN HOWSAM

The Docent trip to Dallas and Crystal Bridges Museum is set up. Karen noted with thanks that Curator Charlie Wylie has provided helpful advice for places to visit.

SECRETARY – CHRISTINE HOLLAND

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT – JEFF VITUCCI

In February there were checks cleared for payment of \$1,114.95 to Karen for our Holiday Party expenses, and \$71,86 for flowers sent to Ann Robinson. The checking account balance is \$14,802.38. The savings account balance is \$10,340.38.

Expenses are within budget except for the Holiday Party and Gradation and Recognition Party which are over budget by \$244.00 and \$36.39 respectively.

The Museum has sent to the Docent council the amount of \$1,150 which had been received several years ago from donors to the Docent Council, but mistakenly kept in the Museums' account.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - PATTIE FIRESTONE

There are 52 active members with 11 Docents on LOA. There are 38 paid Sustainers.

The Board approves the request of Vickie Duncan for a leave of absence.

ADULT TOURS – DENISE KLASSEN

There were 21 tours in February with 151 attendees and an average attendance of 7.

There was a discussion regarding some required changes to the tours because of the need to accommodate large crowds.

The Summer Highlights team is a bit small. A suggested theme for tours is “Women in Art.” We plan to create a team for the upcoming contemporary art exhibit “Going Global”, and Curator James Glisson is pleased to work with the new team.

STUDENT TOURS – TEDA PILCHER

There were 2 Special Request student tours in February. Already, there are 3 regular tours and 4 Van Gogh tours scheduled for March, and more being scheduled for April. The student groups have been very large, and there is positive feedback from teachers and students.

Teda noted the mutual support and comradery that the Docents are giving each other. There was a discussion regarding the logistics of touring students in the Van Gogh galleries.

RESEARCH – SARAJUM QUAZI

No report.

EVALUATIONS – SHIRLEY WAXMAN

Evaluations are set up for the Van Gogh and Student teams. There have been difficulties with changed tour scheduling, and working to accommodate the schedules of both touring and evaluator Docents.

WEBMASTER – GAIL STICHLER

No report.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – PATSY HICKS AND RACHEL HEIDENRY

Patsy thanked and celebrated Docents for their flexibility, patience and attitude of gratitude.

Rachel will send updated tour calendars soon.

The Docent Recruitment Event is scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday May 19th.

A microphone is available for Docents’ use in tours. Rachel will look in to purchasing a better microphone unit.

ADJOURNMENT

Patty adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Holland, Board Secretary

