

Santa Barbara Museum of Art Docent Council Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Board members present: President: Patty Santiago, Vice President: Karen Howsam, Treasurer: Jeff Vitucci, Membership: Pattie Firestone, Adult Team Chairs: Denise Klassen and Laura DePaoli, Student Team Chairs: Irene Stone and Teda Pilcher, Research: Sarajum Quazi, Evaluation Chair: Shirley Waxman.

Absent: Secretary: Christine Holland. Webmaster: Gail Stichler.

In attendance: Rachel Heidenry, Manager of Docent & Academic Programs.

1. **Call to order:** President Patty Santiago called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Action Item: A Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 13, 2022 as distributed was made. Unanimously approved with one name correction.

3. **Board Reports**

President: Patty Santiago

- The New Actives will tour the art camps this summer.
- Robert Coronado has resigned.
- Kathe Hines Knight will return from leave of absent this summer and will get a second evaluation.
- There are eleven New Actives still part of the Docent Council.

The Docent Recruitment Event on Wednesday, May 18, currently has 28 RSVPs.

The Jerry Jensen Memorial Fund will purchase three photographs to be presented at the Docent Recognition Ceremony in June. Jerry's wife, Nancy will be invited to attend.

If approved the photographs selected are:

- Leonard Bernstein conducting "Cavalleria Rusticana" at the Metropolitan Opera by Santi Visalli.
- Federico Fellini directing "Casanova" in Rome #4 by Santi Visalli.
- Ella Fitzgerald singing in New York #1 by Santi Visalli.

Preference Sheets for Docent year 2022-2023 (attached)

- The Preference Sheets will be ready for the May 18 Docent Council meeting.
- Student tours will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with Jr. High and High Schools on Fridays.
- Fall Adult tours will offer European/ American and Photography exhibition.
- Request for mentors for Provisionals will be added to the Preference Sheet.

Vice President/President elect: Karen Howsam

The docent trip was a success with wonderful art, delicious food, and camaraderie.

Secretary: Shirley Waxman for Christine Holland

Treasurer: Jeff Vitucci

Report attached.

- Checking account balance as of April 30 was \$15,720.38.
- Savings account balance as of April 30 was \$10,342.89.
- The 2022-2023 budget will be presented for approval at the June Board meeting.
 - Dues: fifty active docents plus 12 LOA equals \$3,880 in addition to Sustainers dues. Possible ten provisional equals \$350. Total \$4,230 income.
 - There will be expenses for the Provisional Training this year.
 - Consider increasing the Holiday party to \$1,200.
 - Consider raising dues next year.
 - There will be upcoming expenses this fall for the Docent Symposium. Karen Howsam and Teda Pilcher will be attending.

Membership: Pattie Firestone

Report attached.

- 50 Active Members (12 Docents on LOA)
- 38 Sustaining Members paid
- 10,594 Research hours recorded
- 348 Public Tours

2021-2022 Service Away Ceremony

10 Year Pins - Joan Dewhirst, Teda Pilcher, Mike Ramey

15 Year Pins - Ann Hammond, Lori Mohr

20 Year Pin - Helene Strobel

25 Year Pin - Niki Bruckner

Adult Teams: Denise Klassen and Laura DePaoli

Report attached.

The Van Gogh exhibition is drawing huge crowds.

In April, the Van Gogh Team gave forty-eight tours: twenty-seven scheduled and twenty-one Special Request tours for a total visitor attendance of 1,837.

Nature & Spirituality gave five tours with twenty-seven attendees.

Ten Talks had two tours with a total of fifty-two attendees.

The summer Highlights Team has only six people signed up to tour and four people for the Contemporary Team. Therefore, we will be reducing the tours offered to the public to once a day.

Student Teams: Irene Stone and Teda Pilcher

Report attached.

- April Van Gogh tours: 576 students. May is anticipated to be 518 students toured.
- April Student tours: 331 students. May is anticipated to be 154 students.

The student touring workshop will be Wednesday, September 14 from 1 to 4 pm. It will review VTS, Thinking Routines, and Storytelling. Books on Storytelling are in the docent office.

Research Chair: Sarajum Quazi

No report.

Evaluations Chair: Shirley Waxman

Report attached.

All evaluations are going well. New Actives are continuing to get their student touring evaluations completed.

Webmaster: Gail Stichler

No report.

Department of Education: Rachel Heidenry

- Invitations for the Docent Recognition Ceremony went out via email.
- Summer Art Camps are scheduled.

Jacqueline Simons (Sustaining docent) would like to donate her library of art books to the docent council. They will be at the September council meeting for docents to take.

Refreshments for the May 18 docent meeting is the responsibility of the Board.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am.

The next meeting of the Docent Council Board will be Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 9:30 am. This will be the Double Board meeting with incoming members to the Board in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Waxman for Christine Holland
Secretary, SBMA Docent Council Board