

**DOCENT BOARD MEETING
SANTA BARBARA MUSEUM OF ART
DATE: December 10, 2014**

Present: Molora Vадnais, Joan Dewhirst, Denise Klassen, Mei Chih Ho, Christine Holland, Teda Pilcher, Kathy Eastman, Ralph Wilson, Mary Ellen Hoffman, Paul Guido, Barbara Boyd, Viki Duncan, Rachael Krieps, and Patsy Hicks.
Absent: Linda Adams and Loree Gold.

President Molora Vадnais called the meeting to order at 9:35AM in Luria room.
Approval of minutes for the November 12, 2014 meeting was postponed until the Board meeting on January 14, 2015.

BOARD REPORTS

PRESIDENT: Molora Vадnais

Marty Molof's Service: Molora reported the details for the memorial service. A committee was set up consisting of: Lori Mohr, Gina Chalmers, , Ann Hammond, and Tracy Miller, members of his provisional class; Mary Eckhart and Irene Stone, members of his Friday Touring Team; his best friends Tom & Letha, and Molora. Docents are bringing food, the Docent Council is paying for flowers (\$140), and Marty's cousin, Marc, is providing the wine. Funding for the event will be from donations, although Marty's estate may reimburse for the larger expenses.

Docent Holiday Party: Molora thanked the hard-working Social Committee for their great help at the event, noting that her house was cleaner after the party than before.

Shrinking Number of Touring Docents: Due to illness or injury, a number of docents have been unable to tour this fall. With 5 docents on LOA, 2 Board members choosing not to tour at all, and the loss of Marty, there are 69 docents available to tour. 61 of these docents choose to tour Adults. This is not an urgent problem for this year or next year. But if we do not graduate a provisional class next year, natural attrition and attrition caused by the remodel may take our docent numbers low enough that we cannot fill all of our touring spots assuming we continue giving the present amount of tours.

However, Student Touring is a present concern. We have the equivalent of 36 docents giving student tours, if two people sharing a position are counted as one. This means there are 6 teams with 6 docents each. Next year, three docents become senior and do not have to student tour. We should also expect to lose 2-3 docents who either choose not to student tour or who go sustainer or LOA. Dropping below 6 docents per team puts a lot of stress on the teams and the touring docents. Suggestions were made for encouraging more docents to join a Student Touring Team. Molora will discuss this issue at the January meeting with all of the docents.

VICE PRESIDENT: Joan Dewhirst

TRAVEL

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR HUNTINGTON BUS TRIP NOVEMBER 3RD

INCOME (35 PARTICIPANTS X \$80) =	\$2,800.00
MINUS EXPENSES	= \$2,358.71
NET INCOME=	\$ 441.29

SOCIAL

The holiday party was very festive with some 70 persons in attendance. Molora's home was the perfect setting with plenty of room for our large group. Denise Klassen provided the elegant floral arrangements, Mike Ramey and Geri Servi skillfully attended the bar, while Sheila Prendiville, Christy Close, and Wendi Hunter kept the Savory and Sweets tables well-stocked. Nicola Gherson was in charge of the coffee service. Additional help was provided by Ann Robinson and Pma Tregenza.

Guy Strickland delivered a lively power-point presentation titled "Art Talks." Lori Mohr completed the program with a video of fun times shared with Marty Molof and the members of their Provisional Class known as the "Fab Five."

MANY THANKS to Molora for a truly memorable event. The financial report is not complete but will be well within our budget.

SECRETARY: Linda Adams (report given by Joan Dewhirst)

Correspondence: Wendi Hunter for Francis Hallinan

Thank-you notes for presentations to Docent Council meetings:

- Eik Kahng
- Karen Sinsheimer
- Virginia Morell
- Professor Colin Gardener

Get-well wishes to Andrea Gallo... a broken arm

Wendi will send additional cards to:

- Mooneen Mourad....long-term flu
- Ricki Morse.....broken foot
- Jean Reese.....former Docent with cancer

TREASURER: Denise Klassen

Denise submitted the following balances as of December 31, 2014:

CHECKING ACCOUNT= \$ 7,080.97 SAVINGS ACCOUNT=\$ 10,006.04

MEMBERSHIP: Mei Chih Ho

Service Hours from July 1 to December 10, 2014:

PUBLIC = 400 RESEARCH = 4,544.75 TOTAL HOURS REPORTED = 4,944.75

ADULT TEAMS: Christine Holland & Teda Pilcher

Christine reported no missed tours for November. There were 336 visitors for the month and 49 tours. However, there were no visitors for 5 Highlights tours, 1 Sculpture tour, and 1 Daumier tour. Visitor numbers are down at the museum.

STUDENT TEAMS: Kathy Eastman

Kathy reported for November: 241 students toured, 9 tours given, 4 schools participating. She noted that several Power Point Presentations were cancelled. Sylvia Mabee is great as the PP Team Leader. There is a need for additional docents for the PP team and Kathy asked the Board for suggestions. There will be a meeting in January for all Student Team Leaders.

PROVISIONAL CHAIRS: Ralph Wilson & Mary Ellen Hoffman

Ralph reported that he and Mary Ellen are working on the revision of the Provisional Program. One new requirement will be for Provisionals to observe a PP presentation in the classroom.

EVALUATIONS: Paul Guido

Paul reported that evaluations are coming in and all are good.

RESEARCH: Barbara Boyd

Barbara reported that research papers are being written for 4 pieces in the Botticelli Exhibit:

- 1) "The Martyrdom of Pope Caius", ca. 1394-95 (Florentine artist: Lorenzo Monaco)
Paper by Monica Babich Piece is from SBMA permanent collection
- 2) "St. Ursula", ca. 1388-1393 (Florentine artist: Agnolo Gaddi)
Paper by Susan Northrup Piece is from SBMA permanent collection
- 3)"Hagar and Ishmael Visited by an Angel in the Wilderness", ca. 1639-1640 (Roman artist: Salvator Rosa) Paper by Ralph Wilson Painting from SBMA permanent collection
- 4)"Portrait of a Venetian General," ca. 1555 (Venetian artist: Tintoretto)
Paper by Wendi Hunter Painting from the collection of Michael Armand Hammer

Barbara has requested the nomination of a Research Co-Chair.

WEBMASTER: Loree Gold No report. Loree did not attend today.

PAST PRESIDENT/NOMINATIONS: Vikki Duncan

Vikki noted that a meeting for the Nominating Committee will be arranged in 1/15.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: Patsy Hicks and Rachael Krieps

Rachael showed Board members the new mini-projector purchased for the Power Point Team. This can be hooked-up to an iPhone, is very clear, and the screen goes really large. Made by Texas Instruments, it comes with all the attachments in its own compact zippered case.

She reported that all the Council Meeting speakers have been organized but not given exact scheduled dates.

Patsy noted that Larry Feinberg will speak on Botticelli at the meeting on January 21st.

Colm Toibin, Irish author, will speak at SBMA on Thursday, March 12th. He will discuss his book titled "Last Testament of Mary". She suggested the Book Club read it and send in questions for his talk. The book is controversial and up for a Booker Prize.

No OLD BUSINESS or NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT: President Molora Vahnais adjourned the meeting at 10:48 AM.
Next Board Meeting will be Jan. 14, 2015, in Luria.
Board members reports can be found in the Board Minutes Binder in Docent Office.
Respectfully submitted, Linda Adams, Secretary