

Double Docent Board Meeting
Santa Barbara Museum of Art
Date: June 11, 2014

Present: Vikki Duncan, Molora Vadnais, Linda Adams, Joan Dewhirst, Denise Klassen, Christine Holland, Tedda Pilcher, Kathy Eastman, Ralph Wilson, Mary Ellen Hoffman, Barbara Boyd, Paul Guido, Loree Gold, Ann Robinson, Gail Stichler, Mike Ramey, Patsy Hicks.

Absent: Mary Eckhart, Mei Chih Ho, Sylvia Mabee

President: Molora Vadnais

Molora called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM in Luria room.

Meeting minutes of May 14, 2014 were approved.

She welcomed the new board and noted that her goal is to continue the productivity and fun had by our previous board of directors.

Also, she wants our meetings to be 90 minutes and requested members to alert her, before the meeting, if they have issues that may need extra time.

Molora requested volunteers to write presentations for the National Docent Symposium: Paul Guido for Evaluations, Ralph Wilson for Provisional Training, Molora Vadnais for Lararium.

See Molora's Year End Report for the Docent Council Vice President behind the June minutes.

BOARD REPORTS

Vice President: Joan Dewhirst

LACMA bus trip to see "Expressionism in Germany and France, Van Gogh to Kandinsky" on June 16th has 30 people.

See Joan's Year End Report for the Docent Council Secretary behind the June minutes.

Secretary: Linda Adams

Correspondence:

1. Thank you notes for presentations to Docent Council meeting on May 14, 2014 went to Larry Feinberg, Director, for review of plans for large scale SBMA remodel and to Melinda Gandara for a talk and film on Lulah Maria Riggs.
2. Congratulatory notes to our new provisional docents.
3. Get well wishes to Pma Tregenza and Julie Allen.

Treasurer: Ralph Wilson

SBMA will now be banking at Montecito Bank and Trust.

The account at Union Bank is closed.

Council treasury has approximately \$15,000.00, which is more than we had at the beginning of our year. See detailed Year End Report behind June Minutes.

Going forward, Ralph has two recommendations:

1. Use our "profit" to buy a new computer for the Docent Office.
2. Set aside more money to send an attendee to the National Docent Symposium. Symposium happens every 2 years.

Membership: Gail Stichler

Total hours this year, July 2013 to June 2014 were 18,878; last year's were 18,314.

See detailed Year End Report behind June Minutes.

Gail presented names of two docents who have missed 5 meetings, Shirley Dettmann and Susan Northrop. After missing four meetings, docent is reviewed by the Docent Council. Gail described how both had many years of good work and service, Shirley 21 years and Susan 11 years. Kathryn Padgett moved to make exceptions for both which was unanimously approved.

Gail reported that a book, California Light, A Century of Landscapes, was purchased as a gift for Ellen Lawson to commemorate her 40 years as a docent.

Research: Barbara Boyd

Barbara said her work could not have happened without Mike Ramey our excellent Webmaster! Kathryn Padgett added kudos to Barbara for breathing new life into the Research Department.

See Year End Report from our Research Chairwoman behind June minutes.

Touring, Adults: Christine Holland Co-Chair with Mary Eckhart

Year-end figure was 5,334 visitor tours this year. See figures for May tours behind June Minutes. Also, see Year End Report behind June Minutes.

Patsy Hicks, Director of Education, commented that SBMA has had a drop in visitors of 42% over the last 5 years. This reflects a national trend in museum attendance.

Her suggestions for attracting more visitors:

Free admittance for cruise ship passengers

Free admittance for locals; especially during the coming remodel construction

Touring, Children: Ann Robinson Co-Chair with Sylvia Mabee

Year end total was 6,659. See detailed Year End Report behind June Minutes.

Everyone complimented Ann for her Docent Of The Year award.

Provisional Chairs: Ralph Wilson & Mary Ellen Hoffman

We are lucky to have six, excellent, New Actives. (Ralph wanted to keep them for one more year!)

Evaluations: Paul Guido

This year, our evaluations have been smooth and very successful.

See Year End Report for Docent & Classroom Teacher Evaluations behind June minutes.

Webmaster: Mike Ramey

Everyone praised Mike on his excellent work creating our fabulous web site.

Mike complimented Barbara Boyd on the high quality and quantity of research papers flowing from her department. Mike asked for any recommendations.

See Mike's Year End Report for Webmaster behind June minutes.

Nominations: Kathryn Padgett

This is her last Council meeting, she is happy to be sitting on the sidelines for a year. See Kathryn's Year End Report on Nominations behind June minutes.

Outgoing President: Vikki Duncan

In final comments on 2014 business, Vikki had a big thank you to three people:

1. Barbara Boyd for Research. Barbara spent 920 hours creating a successful and lively body of research. Her ability to enlist writers and beautifully edit our submissions is extraordinary!
2. Mike Ramey, Webmaster. In 18 months, Mike created a professional web site for us. It is beautiful, fun, and easy to use which makes our Docent research easier.
3. Gail Stichler for Membership. She handled a challenging job with perseverance and grace for three years.

She, also, thanked the Board members for: their support, their dedication, perspectives and thoughtful consideration of issues; their good humor in Board Meetings throughout the year; and for the remarkable artesian thank-you gift chosen by Molora on behalf of the Board.

See Vikki's Year End Report for Council President behind the June minutes.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:**Director: Patsy Hicks; Docent Program Manager**

Patsy shared her concern about the status of installation dates for coming exhibitions because docents are beginning to prepare tours. The two she mentioned are: From Art to Zoo and the AFA Exhibition: Botticelli, Titian and Beyond (from Glasgow). She pressed Larry Feinberg, Director, for dates and he assured her that everything will come together.

Patsy invited all of us to the Atelier Blow Out with the theme of Da Da.

There will be fun art (a Purr Chair) and Da Da drinks.

August 15, 5:30 to 7:30

Adjournment:

President Molora Vadnais thanked Vikki Duncan for the delicious treats and adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Next Meeting will be September 10, 2014 at 9:30 AM in Luria.

Note: Year End Reports from each department are located behind the June minutes in the Docent Council Meeting Minutes binder.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Adams, Secretary

