

Docent Board Meeting
Santa Barbara Museum of Art
Date: November 12, 2014

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

President: Molora Vadnais

Molora called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM in Luria room. The meeting minutes of October 8, 2014 were approved unanimously.

Molora reported that the Community Speakers Program is moving along. Kathryn Padgett and Gretchen Simpson will present Degas to Chagal and Shirley Waxman and Christine Holland will present the Botticelli exhibition. We will schedule talks to begin in February 2015.

Molora addressed student touring safety after security cameras recorded a student crawling under the McElheny sculpture during a tour by a new active docent. Molora requested that Ralph and Mary Ellen work on ways to increase training of docents for student touring.

Molora reported that so far, Lori Mohr had not received any docent biographies and requested that all board members send in their biographies to Lori this month.

Vice President: Joan Dewhirst

Thirty four people enjoyed the November 3rd bus trip to the Huntington Library. We were fortunate to have Jill Finsten on this journey and she enlightened us with some Huntington family history and engaged us in her "Curators Game".

The Holiday party is Dec. 8 and invitations are being mailed this week. Guy Strickland will share his gift of humor with a presentation titled "Art Talks".

Secretary: Linda Adams

A get well card was sent to Monica Babich. December minutes will be done by my substitute Joan Dewhirst.

Treasurer: Denise Klassen

Balance in Checking Account: \$5,647.83. Balance in Savings Account: \$10,003.62.

Membership: Mei Chih Ho

Mei Chih reported 1,232 total hours for the month of October.

Adult Teams: Christine Holland and Teda Pilcher

Teda reported 324 total visitors and highlighted the details.

Student Teams: Kathy Eastman

Kathy will report student touring totals at the next meeting. Kathy suggested there is not enough focus on the vital role of the Power Point Team. She would like to see more members, new equipment, observing opportunities for other docents and have information about the powerpoint team incorporated in the Provisional Training.

Provisional Chairs: Ralph Wilson and Mary Ellen Hoffman

No report.

Evaluations: Paul Guido

No report.

Research: Barbara Boyd

Barbara announced that Ralph Wilson masterfully revised a long research paper by Jan Deering about Lynn Chadwick's sculpture, Female Walking Figure. Barbara continues to search for a co-chair and requested any suggestions.

Webmaster: Loree Gold

Loree is looking for existing research papers. Molora asked Loree about what to do with our huge collection of VHS tapes. It was agreed that in January, we will select the oldest tapes, see if they are worth keeping and see if they will copy to DVDs. We will work forward in time in small bites. At the same time, the education department will ask the library if they are willing to catalog and house the tapes.

Nominations: Vikki Duncan

Vikki said her committee will begin work in December.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Director, Patsy Hicks; Docent Program Manager, Rachael Krieps

Patsy reported that the museum remodel is still in the approval process. The remodel will begin with McCormick gallery. The FRC will soon be changed and will house a small collection of Mexican art from our permanent collection beginning in January.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Molora adjourned the meeting at 11:07.

The next meeting will be December 10, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in Luria.

Note: Monthly board reports are located in Minutes Binder in the docent office.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Adams, Secretary