

Docent Board Meeting
Santa Barbara Museum of Art
Date: September 10, 2014

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

Absent: Mary Ellen Hoffman

CALL TO ORDER:

President: Molora Vadnais

Molora called the meeting to order at 9:37 AM in Luria room. The Meeting minutes of June 11, 2014 were approved unanimously. Molora announced a pilot program to present powerpoint presentations to community organizations. Shirley Waxman and Kathryn Padgett are spearheading the program.

Molora also announced that there will not be a Provisional Training Class this year due to the uncertainties caused by the museum remodel. Ralph Wilson will keep in touch with those people who had submitted applications. Finally, Paul Guido and Katherine Padgett were invited to present a breakout session on our evaluation process at the National Docent Symposium next October.

BOARD REPORTS

Vice President: Joan Dewhirst

Twenty eight docents, friends, and partners went on the June 16 bus trip to LACMA. The net income from the trip was \$278.82. On November 3rd there will be a bus trip to the Huntington Library. The trip will include a private tour of the renovated Japanese Garden and the expanded American Art Galleries. The cost per person is \$80.00 and lunch not included. The relatively high cost for the trip is because we are paying for early access to the Japanese gardens. The Docent Council meeting of November 5th will be cancelled.

Wendi Hunter has agreed to be Refreshments Coordinator for Council meetings. The holiday party will be on December 8 and we are still looking for a location.

Joan announced that she is working on various future activities that may include a San Francisco weekend in the spring, a special event for sustainers, trips to Westmont's Ridley-Tree Museum, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, UCSB's Art, Design, and Architecture Museum, and Lotusland's spring art exhibit & UCSB's College of Creative Studies for a photography exhibit from SBMA's collection. This exhibit coincides with Art to Zoo.

Secretary: Linda Adams

Correspondence: Thank you notes were sent to newly active docents Monica Babich, Jay Frederick, Kim Smith, & Wendi Hunter for taking on additional touring this summer when their colleagues became injured. Get well cards were sent to Mary Winder, Marc Brody, and Marty Molof. A miss you note to Ephrem Ostrow who has requested a LOA.

Treasurer: Denise Klassen

Denise reported that we have moved our banking to Montecito Bank and Trust and now have online access. Denise presented the budget. Ralph moved to accept the budget with the expansion of the symposium travel fund from \$1,000 per year to \$1,500 per year. Molora seconded the motion, and approval was unanimous.

Molora noted that the budget called for \$500 for the Techniques Team to purchase tools and materials for demonstrations. Vikki Duncan suggested using docent funds to buy a new computer and printer for docent office.
See the budget behind September minutes.

Membership: Mei Chih Ho

Mei Chih suggested reminding the docents to remember to report hours.
Ephrem Ostrow, Steve Hiatt, and Jan Lynch have requested LOA for the year. Joan moved to accept above LOA's, Vikki seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adult Teams: Christine Holland and Teda Pilcher

Christine commented that the summer tours were filled with cancellations, changes of teams and times, docents withdrawing and, happily, the openings filling easily.
New graduating class handled all the summer "Highlights" tours. Many "hurrahs" to them for a professional job.

There will be an orientation meeting of all Adult Tour Team Leaders, the Evaluations Chair and the Docent Council President on September 15 at the home of Christine Holland.

Patsy inquired if Touring Docents had received questions regarding the remodel. Several responded yes. She said there would be professional displays to show visitors and talking points for the Docents.

See Christine's detailed report for June, July, and August behind September minutes.

Student Teams: Kathy Eastman

She has had several meetings with Ann Robinson, Patsy, Rachael, and Molora for updates and ideas. A list of team members was sent to Paul Guido for evaluations.
Pma Tregenza agreed to serve as team captain for 3rd & 4th Tuesdays. She is taking over for Francis Hallinan who has some health issues.

Sylvia Mabee will lead the PP team and will meet with them soon. She would like to upgrade the equipment.

See Kathy's detailed report behind the September minutes.

Provisional Chairs: Ralph Wilson and Mary Ellen Hoffman

Ralph wants to be in contact, informally, with the people interested in taking the training that was cancelled for this year. More discussion was to treat them to Jill's Art History Classes on Thursdays & invite them to specific lectures in the Docent Council meetings.
Loree and Molora really liked the idea of inviting them to 10 Talks.

Evaluations: Paul Guido

Paul announced that all evaluations had been scheduled. This year has half the evaluations as last year.

Research: Barbara Boyd

Barbara announced that she is looking for ways to inspire docents to write papers. Ricki Morse is writing papers on several of Mercedes Eicholtz' contemporary bequests. Josie Martin, Ralph Wilson and Stephanie Amon are also writing papers. Barbara would like to see an easier path to finding items to research on our web site. Barbara also requested to have a cochair to assist her.

Webmaster: Loree Gold

Loree announced that research papers will be edited by Barbara Boyd and then installed with the disclaimer that they have been forwarded to the curatorial department for review. Some papers will be located in the 'comments' section. Barbara Boyd asked that Loree create a location on our web site called 'How To Do A Research Paper'.

Nominations: Viki Duncan

The Nominations Committee will convene in November. In February the committee will announce the opening of nominations with the deadline to submit nominations in March. The slate will be announced in April and voting will be in May. All announcements will be made at Docent Council Meetings and published in La Muse.

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

Patsy thanked all docents for their willingness to be ready to help and their problem solving. Patsy presented Molora with a SBMA hard hat in honor of the remodel. Patsy announced that the Education Department was creating hands on art projects and VTS type presentations to second and sixth grade classes in January and May. These are the two months in which most of the museum will be closed. The Teacher Open House and Animal (Open) House will be September 26 from 4:00 to 6:00 and is being coordinated with the Natural History Museum and the Zoo. The Latin American Photography Show is still tentative. Actual construction on on the building may begin in January 2015.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Molora adjourned the meeting at 11:33. The next meeting will be October 8, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in Luria.

Note: Monthly board reports are located behind the minutes in the Docent Council Board Meeting Minutes Binder located in the docent office.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Adams, Secretary

