

Docent Board Meeting  
Santa Barbara Museum of Art  
Date: February 11, 2015

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**President: Molora Vadnais**

Molora called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM in Luria. The meeting minutes of January were unanimously approved.

**BOARD REPORTS**

**President: Molora Vadnais**

Molora opened the meeting by noting that several weeks ago, just prior to the last council meeting, she, Joan Dewhirst, and Christine Holland had been asked to meet with Patsy Hicks and Rachael Krieps to discuss several issues including summer touring and New Active power point presentations. At this meeting the participants decided that in the interests of simplifying the last part of the year, that cancelling the New Active power point presentations for this year was necessary. Molora noted that only the Board could approve cancelling the New Active presentations according to our bylaws. She agreed to go ahead and call the New Actives and tell them that the presentations were being cancelled pending approval of the the Board.

After much discussion regarding provisional research papers, vetting, and the importance of the New Active presentations as a beneficial “rite of passage,” the board voted to require this year’s New Active docents to present their provisional research papers during a council meeting. Kathy Eastman seconded the motion and it passed with one no vote (Molora) and two abstentions (Christine and Ralph).

**Correspondence**

Lori Mohr on the loss of her father.

**Vice President: Joan Dewhirst**

Joan reported that the March 16 Lotusland Tour has 19 participants; the April 15 bus trip has 28 participants; and the April 25-27 Stanford weekend trip has 21 participants so far.

March 28 at 12:00 we will have a private tour of “How to Make the Universe Right” at the AD&A Museum at UCSB. This is a group of ceremonial objects from Vietnam & Southern China. Shirley Waxman has arranged for Barry Kitnick to tour 10 docents. Asian team members were invited first and there were only a few spots left that Shirley was offering to the Board.

**Secretary: Linda Adams**

The recording secretary will send card to Lori Mohr for her father.

**Treasurer: Denise Klassen**

Balance in Checking Account: \$6,532.36. Balance in Savings Account: \$10,007.40.

**Membership: Mei Chih Ho**

No report

**Adult Teams: Christine Holland and Teda Pilcher**

Christine reported 403 visitors toured and listed the details in her report.

The Summer Highlights Team formation is going well and has 9 members. The Portraits Team and Sculpture Team agreed to continue touring throughout the summer and the techniques team added two new members.

**Student Teams: Kathy Eastman**

There were no January museum tours or power points due to the closure of most of the museum. However, 217 second grade students and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students attended 9 Art Express Presentations at Ridley Tree Center.

**Provisional Chairs: Ralph Wilson and Mary Ellen Hoffman**

The syllabus for the next provisional class will be done by the end of this month.

**Evaluations: Paul Guido**

No report

**Research: Barbara Boyd**

We successfully published in La Muse and posted to the Website three research papers for Botticelli **before** the exhibition opened. Next Barbara will be compiling a list of papers needed for our permanent collection.

**Webmaster: Loree Gold**

Loree is attempting to track unvetted papers.

**Nominations: Vikki Duncan**

All positions have nominations. Nominations will be open until March 31. The slate will be announced in April, and additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. Voting will be during the first council meeting in May.

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:**

**Director, Patsy Hicks; Docent Program Manager, Rachael Kriepps**

Patsy reported that remodel related closures are still up in the air but that the latest words is that the Asian and Antiquities galleries may close as early as summer for an extended period. Due to the postponement of the Latin American show, the Family Resource Center will have a Botticelli wall installed by Feb. 18. Patsy is planning a different exhibition for the FRC for the summer.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Kathy Eastman will interview Barbara Ruediger for La Muse. Barbara has been touring students for 34 years.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Molara adjourned the meeting at 11:18.

The next meeting will be March 11, 2015 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