

Docent Board Meeting
Santa Barbara Museum of Art
Date: January 14, 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, Rachael Kriepps
Absent: Michi Ho, Kathy Eastman, Loree Gold

CALL TO ORDER:

President: Molora Vadnais

Molora called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM in Family Resources Room. The meeting minutes of November and December were approved unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS:

President: Molora Vadnais

Asian Workshops

Molora reported that Karen Brill organized two Asian touring workshops for docents. The first one, for adult touring, was very successful with 31 participants. Presenters were Karen Brill, Jean Smith, Queenie Schearwater, Gwen Baker, Virginia Randolph, Michi Ho, and Jacqueline Simons. The next one will be on Asian touring for children.

Student Team Leader Meeting

Molora reported, for Kathy Estman, that Kathy organized a student team leader meeting in early January. Kathy prepared vocabulary lists by grade level for every docent who tours students. Also, at the meeting, Sylvia Mabee presented information about the power point team and requested additional members. Gerry Servi and Susan Northrop responded and joined the team.

Other issues that came up were:

- *Dealing with children who do not have the ability or dicipline to be on a tour.
- *Dealing with docents who take long vacations and do not plan a replacement.
- *Role of the guards in assisting with unruly children.

Gallery Closures

Molora will be announcing gallery closures as soon as she is alerted by the museum. She will note that our primary goal is to adhere to our schedule of tours as much as possible. Docents on a Highlights or Focus Team should continue planning for their normal 30 to 45 minute tour.

Leave Of Absence's Requested

Marc Brody for the remaining part of this year due to health issues.

Michelle Milakovich for the rest of this year.

It was moved by Christine Holland and seconded by Joan Dewhirst that the LOAs for both Marc and Michelle are with the caveat that, upon their return, both will be evaluated on two student tours and one highlight tour before being placed on a touring team.

Vice President: Joan Dewhirst

Joan reported the expenses for our Holiday Party: \$549.45

Joan presented our Events Calendar for 2015:

Jan. 31 – LA walking sculpture tour by Pma Tregenza. Carpool/day trip.

Feb. 28 – Repeat of above tour

March 16 – Lotusland tour of art exhibit “Flock: Birds on the Brink”.

Tour time: 2:00. Cost: \$20.00. Park at Joan’s home and carpool.

April 15 – Bus Trip to UCLA & Hammer Museum. Fee TBA.

11:00 Tour sculpture garden at UCLA

12:15 – 1:30 Hammer Café for lunch

2:00 – Tour new exhibitions at Hammer

April 25, 26, & 27 – Car trip to Stanford University, 25 & 27 are travel days.

26th at 11:00 – we tour the Anderson Collection, lunch in the Cantor Museum.

26th at 2:00 – we tour FiLoLi Gardens, about ½ hr drive from Stanford.

May 18 – Possible tour of Frederick A. Weisman Collection. Carpool/day trip.

Secretary: Linda Adams, No report

Treasurer: Denise Klassen

Balance in Checking Account: \$7,080.97. Balance in Savings Account: \$10,006.04.

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.

Student Teams: Kathy Eastman

Number of students: 457, number of tours: 16

Number of Classroom Presentations: 11, number of students: 232

Provisional Chairs: Ralph Wilson and Mary Ellen Hoffman

They are beginning a review of the syllabus.

Evaluations: Paul Guido

Paul passed out copies of the new evaluation forms and asked for suggestions.

Arriving on time and sweeping will be added to the forms.

Research: Barbara Boyd

Barbara announced that there are several research papers available to prepare for the *Botticelli, Titian and Beyond* exhibition coming in Feb.

*Lorenzo Monaco’s *The Martyrdom of Pope Caius*, short articles in Docent Library along with a paper on the Docent Web Site which includes information on the original panels.

*Agnolo Gaddi’s painting *St. Ursula*, a paper posted on Docent Web Site.

*Giovanni Baglione's painting *St. Catherine of Alexandria Carried to Her Tomb by Angels*, a paper posted on Docent Web Site.

*Salvator Rosa's painting *Hagar and Ishmael Visited by an Angel in the Wilderness*, a paper posted on Docent Web Site. It will relate to the two Rosa's in our show.

*Tintoretto's painting *Portrait of a Venetian General*, a paper on Docent Web Site

Webmaster: Loree Gold, No report.

Nominations: Vikki Duncan

Vikki announced there are nominees for nine positions. Nominations for six positions are pending. In February nominations will be open to the Docent Council. The slate will be announced in April. Voting will be during the first Council Meeting in May.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Director, Patsy Hicks; Docent Program Manager, Rachael Krieps

Rachael reported that the Latin American show has been pushed to October.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Molara adjourned the meeting at 11:10.

The next meeting will be February 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