

**Santa Barbara Museum of Art
Docent Council Board Meeting
February 10, 2016**

1. Call to Order: 9:35 am by Joan Dewhirst

Present: Joan Dewhirst, Christine Holland, Teda Pilcher, Barbara Boyd, Gail Stichler, Michi Ho, Karen Brill, Ralph Wilson, Paul Guido, Denise Klassen, Molora Vadnais, Loree Gold

Staff: Rachael Kriepps and Patsy Hicks

Absent: Vikki Duncan

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes:

Approval of December 9 meeting minutes.

Approved.

Approval of January 13 meeting minutes.

The minutes were sent this morning and no one has had a chance to read them.

Approval tabled until next meeting.

3. Board Reports

President's Report—Joan Dewhirst

Joan sent an email to all Active Docents regarding the etiquette of docents following other docent tours. She spoke to several docents who had experienced a tour interrupted by another docent. They were in agreement that this method of addressing the conduct was sufficient and considered the issue closed.

Gabriella Schooley sent a request for an extension of LOA for the rest of the docent Service Year 2015-16 due to travel plans. Gabriella is already on LOA and no action needs to be taken.

Total gifts so far to the Campaign Fund total over \$200,000 but only 30% of Council members have responded. Joan created blue envelopes addressed to Ron Dufault, Capital Campaign Director, to encourage more docents to respond.

Paul asked if there has been any resistance to this. Joan responded that she has had no resistance.

Vice-President's Report—Gail Stichler

The bus trip to Long Beach was fabulous. Traveling on Saturday worked well. The museum and presentations in Long Beach were impressive. We visited with artists and docents at the LB Museum of Art and Cal State University, Long Beach. Thanks to Pma Tregenza and John Hillis Sanders who made the arrangements for our group in Long Beach.

The next trip is to Westmont on February 22 at 2 pm. 22 docents are signed up.

The New York trip has 44 people signed up. They met on February 1 and will meet again in March.

The bus trip to the Getty made nearly \$900. The Holiday party was slightly over by \$33. And the Long Beach trip lost about \$71 because 8 people cancelled. Joan and Gail both noted that the holiday party budget needs to be increased next year.

Secretary: Absent

Treasurer: Denise Klassen

The ending balance in the checking is \$5,274.63 and the balance in the savings account is \$10,782.71.

Membership: Michi Ho

Michi is planning an event for Puja and Piety. She will put the details into the next La Muse.

Mooneen Mourad has requested that the Board consider awarding her a 10 year service pin for the work she has done during her years as an active docent. She feels she met the requirements. Technically, she had not earned the full credits required. There were personal circumstances that prevented Membership from giving her the full service credit. During this discussion, it was noted that Laura Six was just short of earning her 5 years and could be considered for the same exception.

After a discussion, the Board voted to make an exception to the rules due to special circumstances and present Mooneen and Laura with honorary 10 year and 5 year pins respectively for the dedicated service they gave to the Docent Council.

Motion: Sustaining docents Mooneen Mourad and Laura Six are to be retroactively rewarded an honorary 10-year and a 5 year pin respectively for their dedicated service to the docent council. These pins will be presented by the Membership Chair.

Motion: Molara Vadnais, Second Ralph Wilson

All in favor: Unanimous

Adult Teams: Christine Holland and Teda Pilcher

Christine noted that the Board serves a full year beginning in June. The Docent Council's fiscal year is July 1-June 30 to coincide with the Museum's fiscal year. The Council's service year is from October 1-September 30.

In January, docents gave 57 tours with an average of 6.6 visitors. Four tours with no visitors and six were cancelled.

There are only five non-special exhibition adult teams running right now: Weekend Highlights, Weekday Highlights, Sculpture and European.

The Weekend Highlights is overburdened. Christine is going to try to find additional docents for the team but failing that she is looking for discretion to change the tour types as necessary to make sure there are two tours per day. The Board gives Christine the discretion to work with the current teams with the goal of continuing two tours each day the museum is open but one of those tours may not be a Highlights tour.

Student Teams: Karen Brill

The touring art project rotation will be continued through April until Puja and Piety opens. It is very important to stick with the schedule. In response to the recent VTS lecture, the power point team is looking at incorporating VTS into their lectures. It has been suggested to do continuing education for current student touring docents. Karen and the Education Department will get together to discuss options.

Michi, Laura, and Karen are working together on student training for Puja and Piety.

The student touring team report has been simplified and put onto the website.

11 Museum tours in January with a total of 277 tours.

Karen will be away the entire month of March.

Provisional Chairs: Ralph Wilson

The research papers are submitted and in final approval and have started to be put into La Muse.

The class is going together to see the exhibition at Westmont.

Wendi has asked Francis Hallinan to assist with the class next year.

Many docents have stepped up to help teach the class. The community outreach team has also given lectures to the class.

The class begins preparing their 45-minute tour next month. They have also been doing student tours.

Research: Barbara Boyd

The provisional research papers are in her hands.

Evaluations: Paul Guido

No report.

Webmaster: Loree Gold

They have recently posted 30 new items. The website is continuing to evolve and is now able to upload more than just the bare bones.

Past President/Nominations: Molora Vadnais

Nominations are moving along and we expect to have a slate ready for the April La Muse.

4. Department of Education: Patsy Hicks

Puja and Piety may be extended to August 28.

The museum is working on e-museum and it has absorbed the IT staff. When it is finished, it should dovetail with the docent website. There should be 100 searchable items from our collection.

The Family Resource Center is being revitalized with activities. The activities will be up until about April 20. This space will not always be open due to staff constraints but should be open when docents are touring students.

Either Von Romberg or Emmons will be available for the student art projects while the FRC is being revitalized.

There is going to be an article about the docents in *Imagine More*, the bimonthly newsletter of the Santa Barbara Museum of Art's capital campaign.

Following the Charles Long Installation at the end of April, the FRC will be revitalized again to be a hands-on entry into Puja and Piety.

Review of upcoming Speakers for Council meetings:

February 17: Eik Khang: 75th Anniversary and Susan Tai: Puja and Piety
March 2: David White: Religion
March 16: Debashish Banerji: Puja and Piety

Art Talks have been temporarily suspended but they will likely return in the fall.

5. Old Business: None.

6. New Business: None.

7. Adjournment: 11:14 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Molara Vadnais
(subbing in for Secretary Vikki Duncan)

Note: Monthly Board Reports are filed behind the Minutes in the Docent Council Board Meeting Minutes binder located in the Docent Office.