

Docent Council Board Meeting Minutes

Santa Barbara Museum of Art

Date: November 9, 2016

Present: Gail Stichler, Ralph Wilson, Mary Joyce Winder, Christine Holland, Wendi Hunter, Francis Hallinan, Loree Gold, Laura DePaoli, Joan Dewhirst, Patsy Hicks, Rachel Krieps

Absent: Denise Klassen, Mei Chih Ho, Karen Brill, Barbara Boyd

CALL TO ORDER: Gail Stichler called the meeting to order at 9:36 am.

Minutes of the Meeting October 12, 2016 were approved unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS:

President: Gail Stichler

Gail reported that Denise Klassen, Board Treasurer, has contacted all the remaining sustainers who have not submitted the membership payment for this year to remind them that those funds are to be paid ASAP.

Ellen Lawson has requested to become a sustaining docent this year.

Gail conveyed that she will continue to ask for stories from docents to honor fellow docents. A request had been made at the Docent Council Meeting as well as in the publication, La Muse for these stories. Currently, Gail reported that no stories have been submitted. Gail mentioned that Tracey Miller, the docent who had been mentioned in the first story, wrote to say that she very much appreciated the words that were shared at the Docent Council Meeting on November 2, 2016.

Gail communicated that she had met with Ralph Wilson and Joan Dewhirst to determine which group would be honored at the Holiday Party in December 2016. There is still some research needed on the history of the group. Most likely, the docents to be honored will be notified in advance of the Holiday Party; however, the rest of the Docent Council will not be informed, in order to have the element of surprise. There will be gifts presented to the honorees, the purchase price of the gifts will be included in the Holiday party budget. The decision was approved by unanimous consent. The Board looks forward to the presentation of this honor, so much so, the discussion concluded with applause and cheers for the chosen group.

(See attached President Report for November 9, 2016)

Vice President: Ralph Wilson

Ralph shared that 34 Docents and Guests have signed up for The Broad bus trip next Wednesday November 16, 2016. There are 27 payments currently with 7 yet to be paid, including 4 members of the Board. The bus departs at 8:30 am, with a stop in Carpinteria at 8:45 am, and then on to the Broad Museum in downtown Los Angeles to arrive approximately at 11:00 am. Ralph mentioned he will be distributing information about downloading the app for the self-guided tour, in addition to a map of points of interest and places to eat along Grand Avenue in downtown Los Angeles.

Ralph thanked Wendi Hunter for introducing the "Square", (credit card payment device) to the Docent Council, and also for accepting payments from 8 individuals from the last Docent Council Meeting.

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Ralph shared that the invitations for the Holiday Party will be sent out within the next two weeks. The party will commence at the lovely residence of Docent Andrea Gallo on December 5, 2016, in the afternoon from 12:30 to 3:30 pm.

(See Vice President's Report, November 9, 2016 attached)

Secretary: Mary Joyce Winder

The Secretary informed the Board that she had sent out get well cards to Julie Allen, Sneh Singh, and Jerry Jensen.

Also, the Secretary mailed A Letter of Appreciation to Ken Lapatin, Associate Curator of Antiquities, J Paul Getty Museum, for his presentation about Antiquities at the September 21, 2016 Docent Council Meeting.

The approved Docent Council Board Meeting Minutes for May 2016 and September 2016 are now posted on the SBMA Docent Web Site.

(See Secretary's Report, November 9, 2016 attached)

Treasurer: Denise Klassen (Absent)

There was no Treasurer Report.

Membership: Mei Chih Ho (Absent)

There was no Membership Report.

Adult Teams: Christine Holland

Christine reported that for the month of October 2016 there were 334 visitors toured with a total number of 54 tours. Within this statistic, the British Modernism Focus Team, toured 130 visitors in 13 tours. The Board was impressed with these numbers.

Wendi Hunter queried if the change of time (from noon to 2pm for the focus tours) had impacted the amount of people visiting at the 2 pm time? Wendi mentioned that she observed that there were less individuals at her touring time of 2 pm. Gail Stichler asked Christine Holland if she could compare the past numbers the focus tour at noon verses the current 2 pm slot. Gail also mentioned that the current reconstruction of the building could be impacting the number of visitors to the museum. Gail reminded the Board that the change of time for the tours is a 6 month experiment (that began in October 2016) to see how it works. Loree Gold said, with introspection, that for all the years she has toured, the amount of visitors seemed the same to her.

(See attached Adult October 2016 Tour Statistics, November 9, 2016)

Student Teams: Karen Brill (Absent)

There was no Student Team Report.

Research: Barbara Boyd (Absent)

There was no Research Report.

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Webmaster: Loree Gold

There was no Webmaster Report.

Evaluations: Laura DePaoli

Laura reported that evaluators have been confirmed for the coming Docent year and assignments have been made for evaluations. Docents needing evaluations for student and highlight tours were notified. Those needing evaluations for Focus or Special Exhibition tours will be notified by their team leaders.

Laura stated there are 18 Docents requiring a student evaluation, including one outstanding from last year. Nine Docents require a Highlights tour evaluation, and 21 Docents are in need of permanent collection focus tour evaluation. Laura added that the British Modernism evaluations have all been scheduled and 5 of 7 have been completed. One of the outstanding is a British Modernism team member who needed to have a medical procedure and may or may not be touring.

Laura conveyed that Shirley Waxman and Kathryn Padgett collaborated to develop an evaluation form for the Community Speaker Program talks and have used it for their first formal evaluation.

(See Evaluations Report November 8, 2016 attached)

Provisional Chairs: Wendi Hunter and Francis Hallinan

There is no Provisional Chair Report.

Past President/Nominations: Joan Dewhirst

Joan stated that she would have a Report in January 2017.

Department of Education: Director, Patsy Hicks; Docent Program Manager, Rachael Krieps

Patsy conveyed items of change and importance: The David Wiesner & the Art of Wordless Storytelling exhibition will have its press preview on Friday January 27. The touring Docent focus team is invited to attend.

Patsy expressed appreciation to all Docents that attended the Atelier last Saturday, and reported that it was a fun successful event. Patsy also mentioned that a Sponsor came to the Art Express and thought it was great fun.

Patsy informed the Board that Curators, Julie Joyce and Charles Wylie, are working on an idea for a new exhibition in Luddington Court. The idea for a contemporary exhibition with classical themes for the artist Julie Shea is in the works. Patsy didn't know at this date if we will need a dedicated touring team.

Patsy updated the status of the FRC (Family Resource Center). Past exhibition is gone and the idea of combining art, science and cooking that share similar methodologies is being explored. Next Thursday the chef from the Local Sushi Restaurant, Arigato will present the idea of Balance and Symmetry, Color and Taste (this is a pop up event) with an Artist. The idea of chefs and artists together is the theme.

Patsy reported that the Teacher Training is continuing with great success.

Patsy related the bus companies that the museum contracts with to bring students to the museum have raised their rates from \$180.00 to \$300.00. Currently her office is working with schools to come to a

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solution. Francis Hallinan asked if this price increase would affect the ability for long distance students to get to the museum. Patsy reassured the Board that the students will be coming. One idea given was to have donors sponsor a school.

Patsy conveyed that the construction crews for the reconstruction of the museum have hit a thicker than anticipated rock formation, so the project is taking a bit longer than first estimated.

Patsy thanked Board members, Christine Holland and Laura DePaoli for touring the Huntington group. She conveyed that the visitors were impressed not only with their fabulous tours but also with the museum's collection. The British Modernism will travel to other museums; Patsy related with delight that it will be seen by the world, with the added bonus that the Art Work will be well taken care of.

Lastly, Patsy informed the board that the Guards are fully aware of the early entry of Docents at 10:45 am (no earlier) to travel through the museum to get to the front entry to greet the visiting students.

Poetically, Patsy articulated her tremendous gratitude to the Board for being such a strong group. The Board in turn applauded her dedication.

New Business:

Christine Holland related that 3 Docents had dropped off of teams. Christine talked to the team leaders, who felt they would be fine with the number of team members left.

Wendi Hunter inquired if there would be a Provisional class for next year. Gail Stichler said she would email in January to put on the calendar a meeting with Patsy Hicks, Rachael Kriepps, Gail Stichler, Ralph Wilson, Wendi Hunter and Francis Hallinan.

Next board meeting is set for December 14, 2016.

Adjournment: Gail Stichler adjourned the meeting at 10:32 am

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Joyce Winder, Secretary