

DOCENT COUNCIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Santa Barbara Museum of Art

Date: February 8, 2017

Present: Gail Stichler, Ralph Wilson, Mary Joyce Winder, Denise Klassen, Christine Holland, Barbara Boyd, Loree Gold, Laura De Paoli, Wendi Hunter, Patsy Hicks, Rachel Kriepps, Joan Dewhirst, Mei Chih Ho

Absent: Karen Brill

CALL TO ORDER: Gail Stichler called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

Minutes of the Docent Council Board Meeting January 2017 were approved unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS:

President: Gail Stichler

Gail informed the board that Christy Close has requested a 9 month LOA due to a Medical recommendation from her doctor. The board agreed to grant the requested Leave of Absence. Gail updated the board that Francis Hallinan has resigned from the Docent Council as of January 18, 2017.

Gail discussed the National Docent Symposium (NDS). This year the Symposium is scheduled October 12-15, 2017 in Montreal, Canada. Registration begins in March 2017. Money was budgeted for Gail to attend the last conference, however, she was unable to attend. Gail would like to attend the October Symposium.

Christine Holland made a motion as follows: Whenever the Vice President or President authorized to use the Docent Council Funds for the Docent National Symposium does not use the funds, the funds will be carried forward to the subsequent symposium for their use. The motion was seconded by Laura DePaoli, and passed unanimously by the Board.

Gail indicated that she would email the SBMA Presenters to the Symposium, Kathryn Padgett and Paul Guido, to ask them what their budget requirements are. Christine Holland requested that it be placed on the agenda for the March 2017 Board Meeting.

Gail brought the Board up-to-date regarding Docent Luncheons. Laura DePaoli offered to coordinate the docent luncheons this year. However, Patsy Hicks offered to give a sit-down luncheon with a seating arrangement in Late April or Early May at her residence for the docents. The board was overwhelmed by her generosity. Patsy mentioned she needs to coordinate the date with her husband and will report back to the board.

Gail is hoping to set up a tour of the UCSB Arts Library for the Docent Council. She is looking to get a UCSB Reference Librarian to provide an overview of the material available and how docents can access their resources. This idea to expand the Docent Council resource base came from a Docent who communicated how much they really missed the museum library.

(See attached President Report for February 8, 2017)

Vice President: Ralph Wilson

Ralph described the two events coming up this February and in March of 2017.

The Valentine's Party on February 10th is an open house event from 4 pm to 7 pm at the home of David Reichert and his wife Diane Dodds, 679 Alto Drive, Santa Barbara. Fifty-Eight people signed up to

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attend, including 23 spouses/partners. Ten Docents have volunteered to provide the appetizers. Ralph will send out a map to the party's location. The Board expressed appreciation for Ralph's hard work.

Secondly, Ralph reported on the Bus Trip to LACMA. The date has been set for Monday, March 13, 2017. Thirty-Four have signed up for the trip. Ralph has had no requests for pickup in Carpinteria, but one Docent has requested to be met in Ventura.

LACMA is offering a special tour of the Picasso and Rivera: Conversations Across Time exhibition. Special tours for ticketed shows are at 10:00 am before the Museum opens. Therefore this requires that the Docents depart Santa Barbara at 7:00 am at Cabrillo and Garden to arrive in Los Angeles on time.

The cost for the bus trip is \$85.00.

In addition to the Picasso and Rivera exhibition, Ralph conveyed that there are three other exhibitions of note:

- Renaissance and Reformation: German Art in the Age of Durer and Cranach
- John McLaughlin Paintings: Total Abstraction
- Moholy-Nagy: Future Present

The Board expressed praise to Ralph for arranging the trip.

(See attached Vice President's Report February 8, 2017)

Secretary: Mary Joyce Winder

The following lists Correspondence since the January 11, 2017 meeting:

Letter of Appreciation to the Presenter at the Docent Council Meetings:

Eik Kahng, Assistant Director and Chief Curator, SBMA

- Topic: Art of Wordless Storytelling, David Wiesner
- Date: January 18, 2017

Jenni Sorkin, UCSB

- Topic: Women Artists Now
- Date: February 1, 2017

A sympathy card was sent out to Jadzia McDonough for the passing of her mother.

A thank you card was sent to Andrea Gallo for hosting the Docent Council 2016 Holiday Party.

A get well card was sent to PMA Tregenza as she is sick with pneumonia.

The SBMA Docent Council Approved Board Meeting Minutes of December 2016 were sent to Mike Ramey and posted on the website.

Nicola Gherson is the acting Corresponding Secretary now.

(See attached Secretary's Report February 8, 2017 attached)

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Treasurer: Denise Klassen

In her February Report Denise informed the Board that the Checking Account beginning Balance from December 30, 2016 was \$4,469.40. The ending balance on January 31, 2017 was \$2915.15.

The Savings Account beginning balance as of December 23, 2016 was \$13,256.46. The Savings Account ending balance as of January 24, 2017 was \$13,258.09.

Mary Joyce expressed appreciation to Denise for having a the "square" credit card payment device at the Docent Council Meeting, it made paying for the bus trip much easier.

(See Treasurer's Report & Approved Budget 2016/2017, February 8, 2017)

Membership: Mei Chih Ho

Mei Chih reported that as of today's date there are 58 active Docents and two active Docents on Leave of Absence. Currently there are 38 Sustaining Docents and three docents that have resigned. Mei Chih indicated that from July 2016 to January 2017 there are 939 public hours reported and 6,329 research hours amounting to a grand total of 7,268 hours donated by Docents so far this year.

(See Membership Chair Report February 2017)

Adult Teams: Christine Holland

Christine's written report indicated that in January 2017 for all tours the total visitors toured was 292. The total number of tours was 46, averaging 6.3 visitors per tour. In Addition, the Community Speakers Program gave 4 presentations to a total of 131 attendees.

(See attached Adult Teams report)

Student Teams: Karen Brill (absent)

Karen's written report indicated that in January 2017, 235 Students visited the museum, there were ten 2nd and 3rd Grade tours given. There were 4 power point presentations for a total of 96 students. Special Request tours were given to 3 groups of 10th graders, totaling up to 69 students. Karen happily reported that 400 students were reached by Docents in the month of January.

Karen conveyed that there are 22 full time Docents and 10 part time docent touring students. The number of Docents touring students roughly translates to 27. Karen believes we are in good shape.

(See attached Student Teams report)

Provisional Chairs: Wendi Hunter

Wendi announced that there will be a provisional class next September. May 9, 2017 is a possible day for the reception tea for potential docents. Wendi stated that her goal is to get committed docents.

(No Written Report Submitted)

Research: Barbara Boyd

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Barbara informed the Board that the Catalogue for the David Weisner Exhibition is so fantastic and useful that her recommendation for Docents to use the catalogue as a resource for touring. The Catalogue is available in the book form in our museum store or on our website. Everything you could want to know is there.

Barbara also added that Lori Mohr's excellent research paper on Judith Shea's Midlife Venus is posted on the website.

(See Research Chair Report February 8, 2017)

Webmaster: Loree Gold

Loree stated that the Docent Council Speaker schedule has been posted on the website. Also Lori Mohr's interview with Zora Charles was posted. Loree is continuing to work on upcoming exhibitions. The Board expressed appreciation for the resources Loree posts on the website, as it is invaluable for docents researching exhibitions. Laura DePaoli added that the work posted on the website is relevant to the artworks in the galleries, which isn't always true for research done on the internet.

(No Written Report Submitted)

Evaluations: Laura DePaoli

Laura informed the Board that there was one docent who did not pass their evaluations and is no longer a docent.

(No Written Report Submitted)

Past President/Nominations: Joan Dewhirst

Joan stated that there was no report. Nominations are going well. Joan also congratulated Wendi Hunter on her Community Speaker Presentation at the Santa Barbara Main Library on Saturday.

(No Written Report Submitted)

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

Rachel reported that the updates of the calendar were sent out.

Patsy let the Board know that Charlie Wylie will be speaking Thursday February 9, at 5:30 pm in the auditorium on the current exhibition "Telephones". Julie Joyce is working on an exhibition "You are Going on a Trip", it is not finalized and more information will be forthcoming. Patsy added that the Family Resource Center is changing out its exhibition and should reopen in mid-March.

Patsy is requesting any feedback regarding the new SBMA app in use in the galleries.

Adjournment: Gail Stichler

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 am.

The next Docent Council Board Meeting will be March 8, 2017.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Joyce Winder, Secretary