

DOCENT COUNCIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Santa Barbara Museum of Art

Date: January 11, 2017

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

Absent: Mei Chih Ho, Francis Hallinan

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

Minutes of the Docent Council Board Meeting December 2016 were approved unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS:

President: Gail Stichler

Gail welcomed everyone back from the Holidays and wished all a Happy New Year. She noted that there have not been any Docent Council Meetings since the last Board Meeting of December 14, 2016.

Gail reminded us that the first general council meeting of 2017 is January 18.

Gail reported that the planning of the calendar for meetings and celebrations through June 2017 is almost complete. She happily conveyed that there is much to look forward to.

(See attached President Report for January 11, 2017)

Vice President: Ralph Wilson

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

Firstly, the Valentine's Party, to which spouses/partners are invited on Friday, February 10, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. The party will be held at the lovely home of New Active Docent David Reichert and his wife Diane. In addition to their generosity of opening their home to the Docent Council, David has promised a tour of their museum-quality California scene art collection also. The party is an open house event where guests can arrive anytime during its three hour duration.

Ralph informed the board that because of the expense, caterers would not be hired. He sent out a request for volunteers to help provide hors d'oeuvres or finger foods to the party. If the volunteers aren't forthcoming, it will be a voluntary pot luck.

Karen Brill asked if the same people are being called upon to donate, would it be possible to compensate them for the cost of the food. Ralph responded yes they could be compensated.

Mary Winder stated that she could not attend, but she would be happy to provide food. Christine Holland can attend the party, but since she will be traveling the 2 weeks prior to the party, she regrets that she will not be able to help with extensive cooking. Christine will coordinate with other cooks to discuss a small contribution such as desert. Ralph added their names to his list.

Ralph stated he would put all of the volunteer food providers in contact with each other so that there are minimal duplications in food offerings. He is looking for a good balanced food selections for the event.

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Ralph will rent glassware and table coverings and purchase the wine and whatever else is needed. He is also looking for volunteers for set up and clean up. This promises to be a warm evening filled with Valentine wishes.

Secondly, Ralph reported on the Bus Trip to LACMA. The date has tentatively been set for Monday, March 13, 2017.

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 leave Santa Barbara at 7:00 am to arrive in Los Angeles on time.

Ralph informed the board that the cost for the special group tours tickets are \$45.00 per person. This would necessitate charging a total of \$85.00 for the bus trip.

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

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

The Board expressed high praise and enthusiasm for this wonderful trip. Many thanks were expressed to Ralph for all the work done to set this up.

Ralph is currently working on setting up a trip to the Getty Center Museum in Los Angeles in April 2017. Patsy suggested that we could get Ken Lapatin to provide a tour for us. The board expressed delight in the idea that we could go visit our Greco-Roman Statues that are currently on display at the Getty Center. Patsy will work with Ralph and coordinating this event with Ken Lapatin.

(See attached Vice President's Report January 11, 2017)

Secretary: Mary Joyce Winder

A letter of Appreciation was sent out to Julie Joyce, Curator of Contemporary Art, SBMA, thanking her for her presentation on the Contemporary Prints at the December 17, 2016 Docent Council meeting.

The approved Board Minutes of November 2016 were sent to Mike Ramey who posted them on the Docent Website.

Mary Joyce reported that Nicola Gherson will take over the position of Corresponding Secretary beginning this month.

(See attached Secretary's Report January 11, 2017 attached)

Treasurer: Denise Klassen

In her January Report Denise informed the Board that the Checking Account beginning Balance from November 30, 2016 was \$4,964.10. The ending balance on December 30, 2016 was \$4,469.40.

The Savings Account beginning balance as of November 23, 2016 was \$12,064.87. The Savings Account ending balance as of December 23, 2016 was \$13,256.46.

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Per the Board's request Denise presented a line item Approved Budget 2016/2017. This report included Negative Budget items, Positive Budget items and Neutral Budget items, indicating amounts spent and received.

Gail Stichler as with many other Board Members expressed gratitude and appreciation for the transparency that the budget documents provided.

Denise Klassen asked when Ralph would announce the tour details to the Docent Council. Ralph replied at the next Docent Council Meeting. Denise stated that she would bring the "square" to take payments from interested Docents.

(See Treasurer's Report & Approved Budget 2016/2017, January 11, 2016)

Membership: Mei Chih Ho (absent)

No report provided.

Adult Teams: Christine Holland

Christine conveyed that in December 2016 there were 299 total visitors. The total number of tours were 43, giving a visitor per tour average of 7.

Christine reported there were 12 tours with no attendees, whereas, some tours had 20 to 30 people on them.

A discussion followed regarding Docents that are not fulfilling the expectations of conducting tours and leaving the Museum without sweeping the galleries, nor waiting the 15 minutes after the tour start time to see if visitors arrive in the museum. Gail Stichler requested that any of these instances witnessed by any docent should email specific details to her and Christine Holland.

Christine stated that in December there were 3 Community Speaker Presentations with a total of 49 attendees.

(See attached Adult Tour Statistics, December 2016)

Student Teams: Karen Brill

Karen reported that in December, the docents gave 10 museum tours to a total of 278 students. There were 4 Power Point Presentations for 99 students.

Karen informed the Board that Teda Pilcher, Chair of the Classroom Presentations, reports that things are going smoothly. Teda stated that with the new part-time member added to the team, and coordinated with limiting the amount of power point presentations per month; this has alleviated the team concerns about being stretched too thin.

Karen stated that with no Provisional Class this Year, and largely the same people presenting the power points every year, there may be difficulty next year if we lose any team members.

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Karen recalled Patsy Hicks suggestion of creating a video to give the teachers to use in the classroom if we are short staffed; and she stated this idea of the video was welcomed. Karen opened up for discussion the topic of assessing our goals in the classroom and planning for the future.

Patsy Hicks responded that the video could be used jointly with a presentation, or in some cases alone. Patsy said the first order of business was to obtain a videographer. She would like to get together with those who want to participate, possibly enlisting some graduate school film students. Patsy would like to work on this in the Summer and asked Karen Brill to remind her in the Spring to set up a meeting for this Summer.

Wendi Hunter stated that she would like to see new provisional trainees be required to do power point tours along with Highlights tours during their training. Also, to possibly make the requirements for New Active Docents that they have to do Highlights tours and Power Point Classroom tours for the first two years of their training.

Wendi Hunter wants to see the sign at the entrance returned that announces tour times. Rachel Kriepps said she will look into it, because there was a new sign made.

(See attached Student Tour Board Report, January 2017)

Provisional Chairs: Wendi Hunter and Francis Hallinan (absent)

No report provided.

Research: Barbara Boyd

Barbara is currently working on research for the David Wiesner exhibition, The Art of Wordless Storytelling. She is also working on Midlife Venus. Both are partially prepared.

Barbara is requesting research help especially in December and January. Gail suggested that this can be discussed in the nominations process.

Barbara is asking for any request for research needed in the new year.

Webmaster: Loree Gold

Loree reported that the Front page has been refreshed with information for new installations in Ludington, and Park entrance.

Judith Shea, Midlife Venus has a research paper from Lori Mohr, 2007, and information on Tom Knechtel, A Mare's Nest has been added to the website.

Mike Ramey posted the you tube of Christian Marclay, Telephones along with other information, now on display in Von Romberg.

The Valentine party was posted for February 10 on the website.

Loree is still waiting for Information on docent meeting speakers. The dates have been determined but the speakers are to be determined.

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Loree added that 34 pieces of art were posted for the British Art Exhibition. The David Wiesner Checklist, overview, and catalogue are posted and waiting to go on view.

Evaluations: Laura DePaoli

Laura has sent emails reminding docents doing student and Highlights tour evaluations that those need to be completed.

Laura informed the Board that at the start of the docent year, 18 docents required a student evaluation, including one outstanding from last year (that will be done as of today). As of this report only one has been completed, due to the slow start of student touring. Laura is hopeful that the bulk of the remaining evaluations will be completed this month, as all teams are scheduled to tour.

Laura added that 9 docents required a Highlights evaluation and 3 have been completed.

In addition, 21 docents need permanent collection focus tour evaluations. Seven of these evaluations have been completed. Team leaders for teams touring from October—March received reminder emails yesterday.

Happily, all of the British Modernism Evaluations were completed.

Laura reminded the team leader for David Weisner: The Art of Wordless Storytelling, regarding necessary upcoming evaluations.

Laura conveyed that the Community Speaker Program Talks are being evaluated as needed. There are two evaluations completed.

Laura is following up on Ten Talks and Classroom Presentation team evaluations.

(See attached January 11, 2017 Evaluation Report)

Past President/Nominations: Joan Dewhirst

Joan informed the Board that an informal discussion was held with Joan Dewhirst, Ralph Wilson and Patsy Hicks on January 9, 2017 regarding nominations. Within this discussion two items of Business were addressed.

Firstly, the need to establish the list of vacancies for the Council Board 2017-2018.

Secondly, setting up the Nominations Process according to the by-laws. Joan informed the Board that the announcement of open nominations will be printed in the March edition of La Muse and will be made by the Nominations Committee Chair at the Docent Council Meeting on March 1st, 2017. In the newsletter and at the Council Meeting, docents will be invited to nominate colleagues and to self-nominate to be candidates for election. The closing date for additional nominations will be requested for March 22nd.

Joan clarified that the slate of candidates for service year 2017-2018 will be published in the April edition of La Muse.

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Joan stated that the nominees will be presented at the April 5th Docent Council Meeting. If there are no additional nominations from the floor, the election of officers and chairpersons will be made by majority vote of the Active Docents Present at this meeting. Joan added that if there are nominations made from the floor, ballots have to go out in written form sent to Active Docents.

(See Nominations Chair Report to Docent Council Board January 11, 2017)

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

Rachael Krieps reported that Docent Badges should be given at the next Docent Council Meeting.

A discussion regarding the use of last names on badges, type size and location ensued. A request was made that Rachael check if we can have our names in small type on the front of the badge. Rachael responded that she would check with Alex.

Rachael announced that the Community Speakers Program team leader would meet with her and Patsy Hicks.

The details for the dates and speakers for the Docent Council meetings is not thoroughly finished. She will send the confirmed dates to the Docent Council members.

New Business:

A discussion of touring students with so much nudity represented in the artwork displayed in the museum ensued.

Adjournment: Gail Stichler

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am. Gail noted that she truly enjoyed the meeting.

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

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