

DOCENT COUNCIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Santa Barbara Museum of Art  
Date: December 12, 2018

Present: Mary Ellen Hoffman; Mary Joyce Winder; David Reichert; Patty Santiago; Helene Strobel; Irene Stone; Karen Brill; Vikki Duncan; Barbara Boyd; Joan Dewhirst; Ralph Wilson  
Museum Education Department: Patsy Hicks; Rachael Krieps.  
Absent: Erika Budig, Loree Gold

**CALL TO ORDER: Mary Ellen Hoffman**

Mary Ellen called the meeting to order at 9:34. The Minutes of the Docent Board Meeting of November 14, 2018 were approved.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

President: Mary Ellen Hoffman

The Bylaws, as approved by the Council meeting of December 5, 2018, are now posted to the website.

Mike Ramey has decided to change his role in website support to a purely technical one, as opposed to liaison. Content is to be sent to Loree Gold only.

Mary Ellen gave a shout-out to Mary Joyce Winder for a great holiday party!  
(See attached President's Report)

Vice President: Mary Joyce Winder

With spouses and significant others in addition to docents, over 80 people attended the Holiday Party on December 10, 2018. 12 docent artists participated in the Docent Art Exhibition held alongside the party. (See attached Vice President Report.)

Secretary: David Reichert

There were no matters to report.

Treasurer: Patty Santiago

November was, overall, a quiet month.

The Council received a \$100.00 donation from the Rockwood Woman's Club as a token of appreciation for the Community Speakers Program.

(See attached Treasurer's Report.)

Membership: Helene Strobel

There are 58 active docents, 2 docents on Leave of Absence, and 35 Sustaining docents.

The total hours reported through November 2018 are 6290 consisting of: 436 Public Touring hours and 5854 Research hours.

The board approved a leave of absence for Niki Bruckner, to begin in late January 2019.  
(See attached Membership Report)

Adult Teams: Irene Stone

A round of cheers was had for the second month in a row with no missed tours.  
(See attached Adult Tours Report, and "Adult Tour Statistics" for November 2018.)

Student Teams: Karen Brill

Last month there were tours for grades 3, 7 and 8 for a total of 101 students.

Niki Bruckner and Michi Ho share a student touring slot and their combined LOAs will lead to the temporary loss of that position on the team. However, operations will not be affected, due to having fewer teams with more docents each.

Students are enjoying "Let it Snow!" and "Paths of Gold"  
(See attached Student Teams Report)

Provisional Chairs: Erika Budig and Vikki Duncan

Erika and Vikki have been speaking with people in the education departments of other museums regarding training materials for the next Provisional class. One book under consideration is Teaching in the Art Museum: Interpretation as Experience.

A meeting is planned for after the new year to fine-tune Provisional class scheduling and curriculum.

Two key words for people working in the museum world are AGILITY and BRAVERY (Courtesy Kaywin Feldman, incoming director of the National Gallery; presently director of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts).

(See attached Provisional Chair Report)

Research: Barbara Boyd

Barbara and Loree continue to discuss the "Salon" idea for docent continuing education. They see issues including where to project images, and gallery access. Patsy sees both of these as being easily soluble.

Evaluations: Joan Dewhirst

The Art Making student tour last Wednesday the fifth included 3 docents being evaluated. This was a case where the evaluations were seen as having been fun, helped by prepared and engaged students.

Webmaster: Loree Gold

Absent

Past President/ Nominations: Ralph Wilson

Nominations open in January

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

No old or new business.

Museum Report: Patsy Hicks

Thank you to the Board and Council for the Bylaws revision, plus willingness to accommodate changing calendar of exhibitions.

Patsy provided muffins and the like, from the new Café Ana across from the Museum at Anacapa and Anapamu. The proprietors are friends of Patsy's.

Patsy went over upcoming speakers, beginning with Siemon Scamell-Katz on January 16.

With sadness, Patsy announced that Luna Vallejo-Howard will be departing in January. Luna will travel and then go on to graduate school.

**ADJOURNMENT: Mary Ellen Hoffman**

Mary Ellen adjourned the meeting at 10:17 A.M.

The next Docent Council Board Meeting will be January 9, 2019.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

David Reichert, Docent Council Secretary