

DOCENT COUNCIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Santa Barbara Museum of Art
Date: January 10, 2018

Present: Ralph Wilson; Mary Ellen Hoffman; Denise Klassen; Irene Stone; Patty Santiago; Mary Joyce Winder; Christine Holland; Barbara Boyd.
Museum Education Department: Rachael Kriepps.

CALL TO ORDER: Ralph Wilson

Ralph called the meeting to order at 9:35. The Minutes of the Docent Board Meeting of November 8, 2017 were approved. (There was no meeting in December 2017 due to problems caused by the Thomas Fire.)

BOARD REPORTS:

President: Ralph Wilson

Ralph reported on his information about anyone in the Docent and Museum family impacted by the horrific Montecito mudslides of the previous day. So far as he knows, no one in those groups has lost property or life, but many have been evacuated and several Docents have offered lodging to others.

(See attached President Report.)

Vice President: Mary Ellen Hoffman

The December Docent Holiday Party was cancelled due to problems caused by the Thomas Fire. Mary Ellen looked in to properties for the party at another date. The party will take place on February 16, 2018 at the home of Docent David Reichert.

Mary Ellen is planning a bus trip to the Norton Simon Museum which take place on March 26 or April 2.

The Docent trip to New York City will occur on April 22-27. Gail Sichler, who is planning this trip, noted that there will be a planning meeting after the next Docent meeting on January 17th. [*note: the Docent meeting was subsequently changed to the next Wednesday, January 24, due to problems caused by the Montecito Mudslide of January 9, 2018.*]

(See attached Vice President's Report.)

Secretary: Christine Holland

There were no matters to report.

Treasurer: Denise Klassen

Denise provided copies of the Accounts as of December 29, 2017 and the Monthly Budget Report.

The ending balance in the checking account is \$2,744.47 and in the savings account \$10,275.88.

Denise noted that the recent Docent Bus Trip did not quite break even in expenses.

(See attached Treasurer Reports.)

Membership: Mary Joyce Winder

There are now 47 Active Docents. There are 3 additional Docents on Leave of Absence, for a total of 8, and 37 Sustainer Docents. There are 8 Provisional Docents.

Mary Joyce learned of two new potential Sustainer Docents. Susan Fairly from the 1968 class is interested and we will follow up to encourage her. Also, Jean Gilbert has expressed interest and it appears her overtures have fallen through the cracks (due to recent employee turnover, and the problems caused by the Thomas Fire). Barbara, who knows Jean personally, will contact her to invite her to Docent functions. Mary Joyce has created an application form for potential Sustainers to fill out.

The total hours reported from June 2017 to November 2017 are 7667.5. She notes that many Docents have not yet returned their hours.

Regarding notes to be sent out on behalf of the Docent Council, such as "get well" cards, Patty Santiago kindly volunteered to act as correspondence secretary, and she will send "get well" cards to Queenie Scheurwater, Andrea Gallo, Virginia Randolph, Joan Dewhurst, and Niki Bruckner.

(See attached Membership Report)

Adult Teams: Irene Stone

Irene noted that the month of December was unsettling for Museum tours, due to the Thomas Fire. Some Docents were under mandatory evacuation orders, and others were helping friends who were evacuated or even lost homes. The Museum was closed for many days, and the air quality remained hazardous for many days. The tour numbers for December reflected the uncertainties and emergencies generated by the Thomas Fire.

The total number of tours offered was 27 (compared with 48 in November), with a total of 116 visitors, averaging 4.3 per tour. More tours had no visitors, which was caused by the uncertain situation in Santa Barbara.

Irene thanked all for their continuing good morale and attitude of helpfulness.

The Museum front entrance is now closed and probably will remain closed for years as construction proceeds.

(See attached Adult Tours Report, and "Adult Tour Statistics" for December 2017)

Student Tours: Ralph Wilson for Karen Brill

Because of the fire, smoke, school closures and Museum closures, there was only one tour in December. Six tours were cancelled. January has 10 tours booked including 2 high school tours that were rescheduled.

The student teams will discuss whether the team members wish to handle requests for high schools to visit for a tour.

(See attached Student Teams Report)

Provisional Chair: Ralph Wilson for Wendi Hunter

The Provisional Class remains at 8 students and they remain committed and enthusiastic. The rough draft of their research papers is due soon, and they will select

their art piece for their 3-minute talks. Several weeks ago, they visited the SBMA antiquities now housed at the Getty Museum.

Research: Barbara Boyd

There have been 3 research papers received from Provisionals. One will need more revisions, and Barbara will discuss with Wendi. David Reichert is working on a research paper.

Evaluations: Laura DePaoli

No report.

Web Master: Loree Gold

No report.

Past President/Nominations – Gail Stichler

Gail will convene the nominations committee in January 2018, and will begin planning for nominations.

Museum Report: Rachael Kreips

The State Street entrance is now closed for the reconstruction work, and will be closed through 2020 the Sequieros mural will not be accessible during that time. there will be signage directing access for visitors through the store, and students will enter through the Park Street entrance.

There have been some revisions to the new Docent Directory, and there have been other delays due to a printing error and to the delays caused by the Thomas Fire. Now it is ready for printing, and will be distributed to Docents at the Docent meeting next week, along with new badges.

At next week's meeting, Curator Charlie Wylie will speak about the upcoming Photography show.

Adjournment: Ralph Wilson

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

The next Docent Council Board Meeting will be February 14, 2018. Christine will not be able to attend, and Patty Santiago kindly volunteered to take the Minutes.

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,

Christine Holland, Docent Council Secretary