

DOCENT COUNCIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Santa Barbara Museum of Art
Date: March 14, 2018

Present: Ralph Wilson; Denise Klassen; Patty Santiago; Mary Joyce Winder; Christine Holland; Barbara Boyd; Karen Brill; Laura DePaoli; Gail Stichler; Loree Gold.
Museum Education Department: Patsy Hicks; Rachael Kriepps.
Absent: Mary Ellen Hoffman; Irene Stone; Wendi Hunter.

CALL TO ORDER: Ralph Wilson

Ralph called the meeting to order at 9:35. The Minutes of the Docent Board Meetings of January and February were approved, with one abstention.

BOARD REPORTS:

President: Ralph Wilson

Ralph reported on information from the Museum's Preview Meeting and noted the employees honored for their years of service including three from the Education Department.

Wendi Hunter noted a "State of the Art" gallery on State Street with sculptures including one from one of our Provisionals.

The Docent Graduation is set for June 1st, and the Double Board Meeting will take place on June 13th.

(See attached President Report.)

Vice President: Mary Ellen Hoffman – Ralph Wilson

The Bus Tour is scheduled for March 26th and Mary Ellen will send out further information to participating Docents. She hopes for more sign-ups.

(See attached Vice President Report.)

Secretary: Christine Holland

There were no matters to report.

Treasurer: Denise Klassen

Denise provided copies of the Monthly Budget Report. We are awaiting income from the payments for the Docent Bus Trip. The ending balance in the checking account is \$1,366.52 and in the savings account \$10,278.49.

(See attached Treasure's Budget Report.)

Membership: Mary Joyce Winder

There are now 47 Active Docents. There are 7 Docents on Leave of Absence, and 37 Sustainer Docents. There are 7 Provisional Docents.

The total hours reported through February 2018 are: 771 Public Touring hours, 8968 Research hours, and 962.5 Provisional hours.

(See attached Membership Report)

Adult Teams: Irene Stone – Ralph Wilson

Ralph provided the report for Irene, who had provided a detailed Report and the Adult Tour Statistics.

In February there were 36 regularly scheduled tours with a total of 184 visitors. There were 5 tours with zero visitors. There seems to be no pattern to determine when tours occur with no visitors.

For the scheduling of Adult Tours, Irene recommends continuing the new configuration for the next two months. She requests feedback from the Board.

There will be a need to fill the summer touring calendar. The Provisionals will tour the Highlights, but we need more Docents to give other tours during the summer. At last month's board meeting it was agreed to a policy that any tour can be substituted with a Highlights tour, and that we will cancel to one tour a day as needed. This provides us with the needed flexibility in these uncertain times.

There was discussion among the Board about Adult touring topics. It is agreed to keep the schedule of one tour for some weekdays and two tours on weekends.

Upon discussion, the Board stated its agreement with a previous decision to allow flexibility in scheduled tours by allowing a Docent to do a HL tour at his/her discretion.

Re the Preference Sheets, it was noted that we now have fewer Docents, and problems with fewer Docents on a team. With those factors in mind, we may wish to narrow the many possible tour teams. This would create more people on fewer teams and simplify the tour scheduling process. per the Board's discussion and agreement, a Docent giving a tour would be able to focus on an area of his/her choice within the tour. The issue will be raised at further meetings including with the Adult Tour Chair.

(See attached Adult Tours Report, and "Adult Tour Statistics" for February 2018.)

Student Tours: Karen Brill

Last month there were two 3rd grade tours. Also, there were several Special Request tours, and two full days of special tours for Ventura middle school tours. In total, Docents toured 250 students in February.

There are 4 tours scheduled for March.

Karen noted the ongoing difficulty in meeting these special requests. She will meet with the Education Department to discuss special request tours, and the issue of allowing Provisionals to observe and possibly to assist.

(See attached Student Teams Report)

Provisional Chair: Ralph Wilson for Wendi Hunter

The Provisional Class is focusing on how to build a successful Highlights tour, including the topic of effective transitions. The 8-minute presentations will take place next week. There has been difficulty in observing student tours, due to the difficulties in scheduling those tours. Loree Gold noted that Provisionals are welcome to attend the "Young at Art" tours.

(See attached Provisional Trainer Report.)

Research: Barbara Boyd

Barbara is working on the Provisionals' research papers. Several have needed further research.

The Board discussed the types of subjects that would be useful in a docent paper and what types of research should be encouraged. The Board also noted the distressing loss of our Museum art library,

Loree suggests an idea of setting up informal meetings or "salons" for Docents and Provisionals to gather, at the Museum, to discuss a certain art object. The idea is for everyone to gather information, ideas and impressions from each other, which could be recorded for further use by Docents. The idea was met with enthusiasm and approval.

Ralph asked Loree and Barbara Boyd as Chair of Research to meet to discuss this idea and to work out a plan, and to report to the Board at the next meeting.

Re this year's Provisional class, it is noted that there have been extra pressures on them due to huge upsets in the community with changing schedules and pressures, due to the massive fires and debris flow and the several evacuation orders.

Evaluations: Laura DePaoli

Evaluations are proceeding well.

Web Master: Loree Gold

No new information to report.

Past President/Nominations – Gail Stichler

Gail and the Nominations Committee are working on a slate of officers. The slate will be announced at the next Docent meeting and will be voted on at the April 18th meeting.

(See attached Nominations report.)

Museum Report: Patsy Hicks

Patsy brought the Board up to date about new Museum publications, educational materials, upcoming lectures and events, and the audio guide for visitors by Jeff Dyer about the "Brought To Light" exhibit.

She noted scheduled upcoming exhibits:

----Julie Joyce curated exhibit focusing on art from the 1970s era, of large scale drawings. It will include a work from local artist Joan Tanner, who will speak at a future Docent meeting.

----Charlie Wylie curated exhibit of "TV Clock" by Nam June Paik. There will be a curator of video art scheduled to talk at a future Docent meeting.

----exhibit of surrealist artist Dorra Bothman.

----Charlie Wylie curated exhibit of photographs given as gifts to or collection.

----Susan Tai curated exhibits of Japanese screens, and an exhibit about the 47 Ronans. There will be two additional lectures to the Docent Council about that show.

Adjournment: Ralph Wilson

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next Docent Council Board Meeting will be April 18, 2018.

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