

DOCENT COUNCIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Santa Barbara Museum of Art
Date: May 9, 2018

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

CALL TO ORDER: Ralph Wilson

The meeting was held at Ralph's home with a welcoming brunch for all. He called the meeting to order at 9:35. The Minutes of April 11, 2018 were approved.

BOARD REPORTS:

President: Ralph Wilson

Ralph welcomed all on behalf of himself and Irene, and everyone thanked them for the lovely brunch and opportunity to mingle before the meeting. Everyone enjoyed viewing their wonderful art collection.

Ralph thanked all Board members for an excellent year and for all their contributions and help. He noted that, despite problems occasioned by the winter fires and debris flow disasters, the year went smoothly and we have much to be proud of. He thanked all outgoing members for their service.

A successful reception for prospective Provisional Docents was held on May 8th, with about 15 prospects and many Docents there to engage in discussions.

Ralph noted with regret that Geri Servi, previously on leave of absence, has resigned from the Docent Council.

The exhibit of the "TV Clock" will open on May 20th, and an exhibit of works on paper from the 1970s, "Summer Nocturne," will open on June 10th.

Preference Sheets will be distributed at the next Docent meeting and by e mail, and Ralph will provide a description of the changes to touring teams (see below report).

The idea of increasing Docent yearly dues was discussed and the decision made to keep the dues at their current rate.

Vice President: Mary Ellen Hoffman

There was nothing new to report. Preparations are starting for next year's business.

Secretary: Christine Holland

Christine noted that she will transfer all relevant documents to next year's Board Secretary prior to the Double Board Meeting.

Treasurer:

There was no report at this meeting.

Membership: Mary Joyce Winder

There was no report at this meeting.

Adult Teams: Irene Stone

In April there were 32 regularly scheduled tours with a total of 104 visitors, and an average of 3.25 visitors per tour. There were 5 tours with zero visitors. Several tours were cancelled in advance because of the Women's Board fund raiser in the galleries.

Calendars for summer tours have been sent to team leaders, and the newly-graduated Docents will conduct weekday and weekend Highlights tours.

The Preference sheets have been discussed with the Education Department. There are changes for next year: specific topic Focus Tours will be eliminated in favor of tours under the title "Docent's Choice." Next year there will be 4 Special Exhibit teams, and 4 Docent's Choice teams which will each serve a quarter of the calendar year, and 2 Docent's Choice teams for the weekend. Also, there will be a

Ten Talks team to present on “First Thursdays,” and the Community Speakers Program will continue its strong presence in the community.

Ralph will explain these changes at the next Docent meeting. Docents will be encouraged to sign up for more than one Adult Team, and/or to sign up for a Student Team.

(See attached Adult Tours Report, and “Adult Tour Statistics” for April 2018.)

Student Tours

Karen could not attend. Her written report reflects that Preference Sheets have been changed to reflect that Docents will tour 2nd to 12th grade students.

In April, the teams toured 245 students (151 elementary and 94 high school students).

(See attached Student Teams Report)

Provisional Chair: Wendi Hunter

The Provisional Class will present their “final” Highlights tour on May 23rd and expectations are high for 100% success. The research papers are in final editing.

(See attached Provisional Trainer report).

Research: Barbara Boyd

Research papers have been edited and returned and will be posted soon.

Evaluations: Laura DePaoli

Evaluations are proceeding well. Laura will determine how to change Evaluations procedure to coordinate with the new teams for the “Docent’s Choice” tours, and whether there should be a designated team of evaluators.

Web Master: Loree Gold

Loree is working with Mike Ramey to create a guide to inform Docents how to submit information for posting. She continues to work with Barbara on the idea of a “Salon” gathering during the summer, for Docents to discuss a work of art and share information. Loree is starting to organize information for the Nam June Paik “TV Clock” exhibit.

.Past President/ Nominations – Gail Stichler

The Docent trip to New York City was a great success.

Museum Report: Rachael Kriepps

Preference Sheets have been created. She is now focusing on the Graduation and Recognition Ceremony and will send out invitations soon.

Adjournment: Ralph Wilson

Mary Ellen led the Board in thanking Ralph for the excellent work in the past year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

The next Docent Council Board Meeting will be the “Double Board Meeting” on June 13, 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