

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

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mary Ellen Hoffman

Mary Ellen called the meeting to order at 9:35. The Minutes of the Docent Board Meeting of September 12, 2018 were approved.

BOARD REPORTS:

President: Mary Ellen Hoffman

The revised Bylaws are still in review, currently by Museum staff. The new target date is the November Board meeting. The Bylaws, when ready for approval by the full Board and the Council, will be posted on the Docent website.

Museum Report: Patsy Hicks (out of order due to her schedule)

The Museum is working on a five-year strategic plan.

Remarks made on the "Let it Snow!" exhibition. A hunting scene by Grandma Moses may or may not replace her Yule Log painting.

The upcoming "Time of Gifts" exhibition will be a show of color photography, drawn from recent acquisitions.

Andrew Winer will be the speaker at the next Council meeting.

Dana Gioia will be at the Museum tomorrow night (10/11/18) for a program titled "A Kind of Song."

With respect to the renovation, everyone is looking to 2020. The front steps may still be compromised due to installation of a crane for further phases.

School tours have been sparse thus far this academic year. Possible reasons are the mix of current exhibitions, the renovation, and pressure from the start of a new school year.

Discussion was had of a possible visit by African-American studies professor P. Gabrielle Foreman. There is a possibility of her speaking at the December Council meeting, but more likely her appearance will be about a year from now.

In summer 2019 a photography show titled "Salt and Silver" will be installed.

Vice President: Mary Joyce Winder

37 people have signed up for the bus tour to Paramount Studios; 12 of them have not yet paid. Some concern has been expressed about cancelling the Carpinteria and Ventura stops to save time; this will not happen again.

The Holiday Party will be opened to spouses this year.

(See attached Vice President Report.)

Secretary: David Reichert

There were no matters to report.

Treasurer: Patty Santiago

Absent (See attached Treasurer's Report received October 12)

Membership: Helene Strobel

There are 58 active docents, 2 docents on Leave of Absence, and 34 Sustaining Docents.

Mary Ellen noted that Michi Ho will be in Taiwan for an indefinite length of time due to an illness in the family, and that she may request LOA status.

The total hours reported from June 1 through September 30 are 2498, with 218 being public and 2280 being research.

(See attached Membership Chair Report)

Adult Teams: Irene Stone

In September there were 42 regularly scheduled tours with a total of 176 visitors, and an average of 4.2 visitors per tour. There were 2 tours with zero visitors, and 1 Highlights tour missed due to time confusion.

Irene noticed from checking the Red Book that recent tour numbers have been good.

Mary Joyce observed that on October 3 it was raining, and that the galleries were packed.

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

Student Tours: Karen Brill

Absent

Provisional Co-Chair: Vikki Duncan

Vikki circulated a chart (see attached) that she and Erika had prepared, demonstrating aspects of docent work that reinforce each other. These are areas of discussion and review as curriculum revision goes forward.

Vikki and Erika have not yet made decisions as to whether to add texts, or replace those textbooks that have previously been used.

Mary Joyce asked as to how the Council is attracting new potential provisionals. Vikki spoke about the Community Speakers Program, professional groups and alumni associations. Discussion was had of possible recruitment methods. The Newcomers meetings have been a fruitful source in the past.

Joan proposed continuing education for current docents. Mary Ellen put forth the idea of allowing active docents to attend provisional classes, as non-participating observers.

Research: Barbara Boyd

(See attached Research Report)

Evaluations: Joan Dewhirst

Joan described this month's report as "really a repeat of my last". This month shows how Joan's ideas from last month were implemented. (See attached Evaluations Chair Report)

Webmaster: Loree Gold

"Website is status quo." The home page was updated with information about the Paramount Studios tour and the Holiday Party.

Loree requested that she and Mike have 10-15 minutes at the next meeting for a website refresher. She said that unsuccessful login attempts add up and eventually cause the site to lock.

Mary Joyce observed that there are former (resigned) docents who still access the website. She proposed having the password change each year. Discussion was had and the idea of using the new directory to publish each year's new password was floated. Consensus was reached to do so.

Past President/ Nominations: Ralph Wilson

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Loree requested that going forward, she present following Barbara Boyd. That was approved by consensus.

There was no new business.

Rachael commented that the new directory for this year should be going to press soon.

ADJOURNMENT: Mary Ellen Hoffman

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 A.M.

The next Docent Council Board Meeting will be November 14, 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,

David Reichert, Docent Council Secretary