

DOCENT COUNCIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Santa Barbara Museum of Art
Date: January 9, 2019

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mary Ellen Hoffman

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

BOARD REPORTS:

President: Mary Ellen Hoffman

There were no matters to report

Vice President: Mary Joyce Winder

Mary Ellen introduced the Vice President Report. (See attached Vice President Report.)

Secretary: David Reichert

There were no matters to report.

Treasurer: Patty Santiago

The only income for December was \$0.53 in interest on the checking account. There is plenty of money in the account, as expenses have been low.

Discussion was had of \$650.00 added into the budget. Patty was not sure of how to handle this \$650.00; she and Ralph were to discuss this after the meeting. Per e-mail transmitting the revised Treasurer's Report, it was "just a matter of deciding how to report the income from the bus trip and the expenses of the holiday party."

(See attached original and revised Treasurer's Reports)

Membership: Helene Strobel

There are 58 active docents, 2 docents on leave of absence, and 35 sustaining docents.

The total hours reported through December 2018 are 6566, consisting of 455 public touring hours and 6111 research hours

Tricia Goss will remain on LOA status until September 2019, with the LOA ending at a year.

(See attached Membership Report)

Adult Teams: Irene Stone

Irene distributed a chart of the 2018 tours that had no visitors (see attached). Tours held on Friday at 2:00 have had a higher-than-normal frequency of no visitors; Irene floated the notion of discontinuing this time slot at some future time. Overall about 10% of tours have had no visitors.

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

Student Tours: Karen Brill

Last month tours were given to 144 students from grades 3 through 10.

Discussion was had of the February 20 high school touring forum and post-graduate training of New Actives. It was decided to have the forum immediately following the Council meeting that morning.

(See attached Student Teams Report)

Provisional Chair: Erika Budig

Erika and Vikki (absent) have been looking into docent training programs at other museums and at ideas that might work for our museum. Erika said that a lot of museums (including LACMA and major New York institutions) have short, introductory tours. We may want to shorten ours in order to avoid having visitors peel off. Discussion was had of possible ways to modify our touring to keep visitors engaged.

Research: Barbara Boyd

Absent and no matters to report

Webmaster: Loree Gold

Absent and no matters to report

Evaluations: Joan Dewhirst

Joan went over her report (see attached). Noted for clarity that Special Exhibitions teams handle their own evaluations. The Community Speakers program was “gangbusters” with 5 new presentations this past fall.

Past President/ Nominations: Ralph Wilson

No report yet. The Nominations Committee will start work this month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ralph thanked everyone for their help in getting the revised Bylaws passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

Museum Report: Patsy Hicks

Tony de los Reyes has been in touch with Patsy about themes he is developing, including a takeoff from the April Street installation.

Luna Vallejo-Howard’s last day was this past Friday, and her position is currently vacant.

Patsy mentioned the “Paths of Gold” Scavenger Hunt as being a resource.

The speaker schedule is in flux as to order—curators versus guest speakers.

The Van Gogh exhibition in 2020, “Through Vincent’s Eyes: Van Gogh and his Sources” will include both work by him and by artists whose work he would have seen.

Rachael had nothing further to add.

ADJOURNMENT: Mary Ellen Hoffman

Mary Ellen adjourned the meeting at 10:40

The next Docent Council Board Meeting will be February 13, 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