

DOCENT COUNCIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Santa Barbara Museum of Art  
Date: May 8, 2019

Present: Mary Ellen Hoffman, Mary Joyce Winder, David Reichert, Patty Santiago, Helene Strobel, Irene Stone, Karen Brill, Erika Budig, Vikki Duncan, Barbara Boyd, Loree Gold, Joan Dewhirst, Ralph Wilson  
Museum Education Department: Patsy Hicks; Rachael Kriepps.  
Absent: None

**CALL TO ORDER: Mary Ellen Hoffman**

Mary Ellen called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

President: Mary Ellen Hoffman

Mary Ellen read her written report. (See attached President's Report.)

Vice President: Mary Joyce Winder

There were no matters to report.

Secretary: David Reichert

I commented that I was glad to be back following my April absence. I sent a thank-you card to Mazie Harris of the J. Paul Getty Museum for her great lecture on salted paper prints.

Treasurer: Patty Santiago

There was no activity except for interest accruing to the checking and savings accounts. (See attached Treasurer's Report.)

ITEMS OUT OF ORDER

The minutes of the meeting of April 10 were approved following printing and reading. Thank you to Vikki Duncan for taking them in my absence.

Mary Ellen read the final paragraph of her report following Rachael's arrival at the meeting. (Rachael will soon be departing from the Education Department for a position at Sonos.)

Membership: Helene Strobel

There are 56 active docents, 3 docents on Leave of Absence, and 36 sustaining docents. Concerning the LOA docents: Niki Bruckner will return to active status in September, Tricia Goss will be going to sustaining status and Virginia Randolph has not yet been contacted.

The total hours reported through April 2019 are 14,673 consisting of: 1213 Public Touring hours and 13,460 Research hours.

Helene thanked Rachael for her service.

(See attached Membership Report.)

Adult Teams: Irene Stone

Irene went over her report. (See attached Adult Tours Report and Adult Tour Statistics for April 2019.)

The sculpture show, "Sculptures that Tell Stories", will be extended through August 18.

Discussion was had of Ten Talks. Due to other Museum activities on First Thursdays, Ten Talks may, at times, be superfluous.

Patsy said that Ten Talks and the Pop-Up Opera are designed to be complementary. The Pop-Up Opera, according to Patsy, brings in 200 people and we would not want to discontinue it.

Chris Kallmyer has requested Thursday activation and programming for his sound installation. Ten Talks could coordinate with the installation during its time here. Discussion was had of possibly cancelling tours on May 19 due to sound from the installation. (There will be a free open house that Sunday, focused on the installation.)

According to Irene the Contemporary Art Team, to focus on the Kallmyer work, now has five members.

#### Student Teams: Karen Brill

Last month there were 9 tours for 262 students.

Karen said that it has been a pleasure serving for four consecutive years as Student Teams Chair. This was her last board meeting (she will be traveling when the Double meeting is held). She went over her report and thanked Rachael for her service.

(See attached Student Teams Report)

#### Provisional Co-Chairs: Erika Budig and Vikki Duncan

Erika will not be teaching next year. She recommended more shadowing of student tours as part of the curriculum. She feels that a lot of new docents are not as ready for student as for adult tours, as much of the training period is geared toward building the 45-minute "final exam" Highlights tour.

She thanked Rachael and wished her luck in her new job.

Vikki had nothing further to add.

#### Research: Barbara Boyd

Barbara thanked Ralph for a "stellar" paper. She will submit her report after hearing from Sarajum Quazi about sculpture research.

She thanked Rachael for providing images and for her interactions with many past Provisional classes.

#### Webmaster: Loree Gold

Loree is waiting for incoming research papers and is aware of the need to update the home page.

#### Evaluations: Joan Dewhirst

Joan went over her report (see attached Evaluations Chair Report). She took note of the extension of the sculpture show into August (the written report uses the original June 23 end date). She thanked Rachael for her service.

#### Past President/ Nominations: Ralph Wilson

No report. Ralph took note that a lot of docents are leaving the Board. They will be missed, but the new Board starting in June will be an opportunity to bring in a lot of "new blood."

Ralph thanked Rachael for her service.

#### Museum Report: Patsy Hicks and Rachael Kriepps

Patsy spoke about the Chris Kallmyer installation; she finds it to be "compelling." She had gone to Kallmyer's Los Angeles studio this past weekend. Patsy is doing a lot of programming to utilize the piece—"emptiness that needs to be filled."

General enthusiasm was expressed for the recent Mazie Harris photography lecture. She will be invited again for photographic topics.

Rachael is going to Sonos, a local company producing sound equipment. At some point there will be a Sonos night at the Museum; Sonos and the Kallmyer installation are both about sound.

Rachael thanked all of us for our sentiments. She'll miss all the friendships she's built up here. She hopes to keep them alive and remain involved with the Museum.

By next week Rachael will create the docent preference sheets for the 2019-2020 year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

To all going off the board, thank you for serving!

Please come to the Docent Recruitment Reception this afternoon.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

**ADJOURNMENT: Mary Ellen Hoffman**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

The next Docent Council Board Meeting will be the Double, June 5, 2019.

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Respectfully Submitted,

David Reichert, Docent Council Secretary