

DOCENT COUNCIL DOUBLE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Santa Barbara Museum of Art
Date: June 5, 2019

Present: Mary Ellen Hoffman, Mary Joyce Winder, David Reichert, Jeff Vitucci, Helene Strobel, Pattie Firestone, Irene Stone, Vikki Duncan, Teda Pilcher, Ralph Wilson, Barbara Boyd, Loree Gold, Gail Stichler, Joan Dewhirst
Museum Education Department: Patsy Hicks
Absent: Patty Santiago, Christine Holland, Karen Brill, Erika Budig, Sarajum Quazi

CALL TO ORDER: Mary Ellen Hoffman

Outgoing President Mary Ellen called the meeting to order at 9:35. The minutes of the Board meeting of May 8, 2019 were approved.

BOARD REPORTS:

Outgoing President: Mary Ellen Hoffman

Mary Ellen presented her year-end report. (See attached President's End of Year Report, 2018-2019.)

Mary Ellen reported that she had just heard from Patsy that only 2 people have thus far expressed strong interest in Provisional training. She emphasized the need to keep getting the word out.

In her presentation she focused on the revision of the By-Laws that was completed this past year, on the upcoming Docent Symposium, and on the exhibitions that we've experienced this year. Note was taken of the one meeting she had to cancel due to evacuation in the face of potential mudslide. "Flexibility" remains a Docent Council watchword.

Incoming President/Outgoing Vice-President: Mary Joyce Winder

As incoming President Mary Joyce thanked Mary Ellen for her year of service, and congratulated Ralph on receiving the Docent of the Year award.

She thanked the Board members who are going off: Helene Strobel, Karen Brill, Erika Budig, Barbara Boyd and Loree Gold. She welcomed Pattie Firestone, Teda Pilcher, Sarajum Quazi, Christine Holland, Jeff Vitucci and Gail Stichler. Irene Stone and Vikki Duncan are moving to different positions on the Board.

On May 20 Mary Joyce, along with Irene Stone, Christine Holland and Kathryn Padgett, made a presentation to the Museum Board of Trustees as to what the Docent Council does.

(See attached Incoming President Report.)

As outgoing Vice President Mary Joyce discussed this past year's programming emphasis on California art. (See attached Vice President/President Elect Report.)

Incoming Vice President: Patty Santiago

Absent

Secretary: David Reichert

Nothing to report

Outgoing Treasurer: Patty Santiago

Mary Ellen presented her report. (See attached Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget.) "Everything's cool in budget world."

Outgoing Membership Chair: Helene Strobel

Helene presented her report. (See attached membership report, chart of reported hours and membership roster.) Currently there are 55 active docents, 3 docents on leave of absence and 37 sustaining docents.

The total hours reported for the year is 16,151, comprised of 1395 public touring hours and 14,756 research hours. Helene commented that the total of hours is equivalent to that of eight full-time employees.

Helene welcomed incoming Membership Chair Pattie Firestone.

Incoming Membership Chair: Pattie Firestone

No additional comments.

Outgoing Adult Teams Chair: Irene Stone

Irene presented her report. (See attached Adult Team Year End Report, list of team leaders, combined tour statistics for the year, tour statistics for May, and Community Speakers Report.)

We had a few missed tours by docents, and about 2-3 tours per month with no visitors.

The Community Speakers Program remains an excellent outreach program. Patsy chimed in on the value of CSP as an outreach to the area's senior residents.

Irene introduced Vikki as one of the co-chairs for next year. She thanked Patsy for her help especially in lining up continuing education programming that helps docents to prepare tours.

Incoming Adult Teams Co-Chairs: Christine Holland and Vikki Duncan

Christine was absent. Vikki reported that 26 preference sheets for the 2019-2020 service year have thus far come in, and that she is logging them in.

She is using a form developed by Gail Stichler and Molara Vadnais for tracking docent seniority, for the purpose of touring team assignments.

Outgoing Student Teams Chair: Karen Brill

Mary Ellen offered to read Karen's report, but a reading was not taken. (See attached Student Teams Year End Report 2019.) Teda Pilcher, incoming Co-Chair, requested a copy.

Incoming Student Teams Co-Chairs: Irene Stone and Teda Pilcher

No additional comments.

Outgoing Provisional Co-Chairs: Erika Budig and Vikki Duncan

Erika was absent. Vikki presented their report. (See attached Provisional Chairs' Year End Report.)

Jeff inquired about advertising for the provisional program. Patsy replied, describing the advertising outlets that are being used. She went on to talk about how there may be different ways for people to volunteer with SBMA.

"The worst advertisement we have is the scaffolding on State Street." This place still has relevance and quality. The Museum needs to get the word out better than we are.

Ralph said that the best advertising is one-on-one conversation.

Incoming Provisional Chair: Ralph Wilson

Discussion of recruiting continued. Patty is planning some summer docent events. These will be great opportunities to reach out to potential provisional docents.

Gail asked Vikki to send her report to everyone on the upcoming year's Board.

Barbara spoke about possibilities to reach out to the Hispanic community. Patsy commented that the training and touring hours are challenging for people working jobs

and raising children. She has been working with SBCC students to enlist them to serve at times as guides.

Teda commented on the AARP website's "Volunteer Opportunities in Your Area" section, as being a potential place for the Council to get the word out.

Outgoing Research Chair: Barbara Boyd

Barbara presented her report. (See attached Final Research Board Report.)

She spoke of the high quality art research material now available online.

She would like to have a Standing Committee for research, that being a panel of docents available and eager to research and write papers. She would also like to have live Salons in the galleries for the sharing of information.

The Board thanked Barbara for her service.

Incoming Research Chair: Sarajum Quazi

Absent

(Out of order) Incoming Treasurer: Jeff Vitucci

Jeff is going to redesign the Treasurer Report form to make it more readable.

Outgoing Webmaster: Loree Gold

Loree will be training incoming Webmaster Gail Stichler on how to input research papers and other information.

She has tried to put everything on flash drives. There are over 4000 items to transfer to Gail.

Discussion was had of using an external hard drive. Mary Joyce moved to buy an external hard drive for Webmaster use. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mary Ellen thanked Loree for her service.

Incoming Webmaster: Gail Stichler

No additional comments.

Evaluations Chair: Joan Dewhirst

Joan began by thanking the docents who did evaluations this year. She presented her report. (See attached Evaluations Chair Report.) 21 docents were evaluated on special exhibitions, 9 docents on Docent's Choice tours, and 13 docents on student touring, for a total of 43 evaluations. All docents passed.

Joan is going to assign evaluators for the summer Docent's Choice tours.

She will be revising the evaluation form for student tours.

Past President/Nominations: Ralph Wilson (outgoing); Mary Ellen Hoffman (incoming)

Ralph presented his report. (See attached Nominations Committee Year-End Report).

Mary Ellen acknowledged her upcoming role as Past President. In her role as nominations chair, the first meeting to select the new Board will be in January.

Education Department: Patsy Hicks

The upcoming show "The Observable Universe: Visualizing the Cosmos in Art", will all be contemporary, including a Russell Crotty work and some pieces on loan. She anticipates very good programming for students in connection with the show.

A person from the Wilson Centre for Photography will be coming to speak in connection with "Salt and Silver." The date has not yet been set.

The Alfredo Ramos Martinez show is eagerly anticipated. See the work by him at the Santa Barbara Cemetery. Melinda Gandara will return to speak about this show.

Charlie Wylie will be bringing a large new-media installation. There will be opportunities to talk about math and philosophy in conjunction with this exhibition.

The Surrealism show will include work by Man Ray.

Patsy spoke about strong positive student reactions to the Kehinde Wiley and Alison Saar pieces.

She spoke at length about the engagement schedule for the Chris Kallmyer piece. (See attached, plus the Family Guide). Seat student groups on the floor to experience it.

Pico Iyer will be speaking at the Museum about his work and sojourn in Japan, June 30 at 2:30. 130 seats have sold already. (See attached card)

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT: Mary Joyce Winder

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

The next Docent Council Board Meeting will be September 11, 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