

DOCENT COUNCIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Santa Barbara Museum of Art
Date: January 8, 2020

Present: Mary Joyce Winder; Patty Santiago; David Reichert; Jeff Vitucci; Vikki Duncan; Teda Pilcher; Irene Stone; Sarajum Quazi; Joan Dewhirst; Gail Stichler; Mary Ellen Hoffman; Patsy Hicks (Museum); Michelle West (Museum)
Absent: Pattie Firestone; Christine Holland; Ralph Wilson

CALL TO ORDER: Mary Joyce Winder

Mary Joyce called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM. The Minutes of the Docent Board Meeting of November 13, 2019 were approved.

BOARD REPORTS:

President: Mary Joyce Winder

The Docent Recognition and Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for June 5.
Gwen Baker requested return to Active status following four years as a Sustainer.
Unanimous vote to reinstate.
(See attached President Report)

Vice President: Patty Santiago

Presented her report. She sees real value in having the curators, if possible, give a tour of the Getty Villa antiquities. This is in light of SBMA's antiquities coming back on view following the renovation.
(See attached Vice President Board Report)

Secretary: David Reichert

I presented my report (see attached). It was mentioned that Karen Brill's mother has passed; a sympathy card will go to her.

Treasurer: Jeff Vitucci

Went over his report. Discussion was had of adding a line item to the budget for the coming year, about \$800.00 for luncheons for the Provisional classes following the 3-minute and 8-minute talks.
(See attached Treasurer's Report)

Membership: Pattie Firestone

Absent
There are 53 Active Docents, 2 Docents on leave of absence, and 39 Sustaining Docents. The report shows 22 Provisional Docents; that number is corrected to 20.
(See attached Membership Report)

Adult Teams: Vikki Duncan and Christine Holland

Vikki presented their report; Christine was absent. Note was made that between February 24 and 28, Preston Morton will be closed for the installation of fire sprinklers.
Adult Teams is addressing the need for additional tours to be scheduled, starting in July 2020, to offer adequate touring opportunities for what is anticipated to be a large graduating class. Scheduling and dates will be determined by mid-March.
(See attached Adult Tour Report and Touring Statistics)

Student Tours: Teda Pilcher and Irene Stone

Teda went over their report. She, Jeff Vitucci and Mary Ellen were on the Goleta Valley Junior High special request tour. She described the logistics and said it worked well. Irene said

that we want to give more advance information to the student touring teams about Artful Making tours by including an additional column on the monthly student touring schedule. This column will include whether the whole group will tour at one time or half at one time, the name of the artist educator, and the topic for the art project.

(See attached Student Tours Report)

Provisional Chairs: Ralph Wilson and Patty Santiago

Three-minute talks and evaluations were held. Patty thanked the evaluators. All Provisionals passed. The eight-minute talks will be held March 18.

Research paper drafts are due next week; final papers are due March 4.

Training for student touring is a challenge. With the combination of 20 Provisionals and few tours, it is hard for Provisionals to work into observing student tours, and then presenting 1 or 2 pieces using VTS.

Research: Sarajum Quazi

Sent list of Provisionals and the pieces that they are writing about, to Lori Mohr for publication in La Muse.

Evaluations: Joan Dewhirst

All logistics regarding tours filter down to evaluations. If there aren't tours, there aren't evaluations. Went over her report.

(See attached Evaluations Chair Report)

Webmaster: Gail Stichler

Clarified "no updates" to mean no substantive changes to the website. The calendars on the site are current.

(See attached Webmaster Report)

Past President/ Nominations: Mary Ellen Hoffman

Nominations are "just around the corner."

The current VP (Patty) needs to start thinking about whom she would like to have as her VP when she becomes President next year. Teda asked as to whether there are any formal criteria as to whom is nominated for VP. Brief discussion was had; it was concluded that the VP nominee needs to have served on the Board. This is not in the bylaws but is a question of experience.

Museum Report: Patsy Hicks and Michelle West

Meetings have been held concerning the ticketing process for this fall's Vincent Van Gogh (VVG) exhibition. Timed tickets for the show will be issued; and there will be an additional charge for the exhibition, above and beyond the standard Museum admission.

Regular tours will work around the VVG show. The Museum may open early for student tours during that time.

VVG will be up between October 11 and January 3; it will be a relatively short show.

Scheduling lecturers for the spring season of Docent Council meetings continues.

On January 15 Rachel Heidenry will speak about the current Latin American rotation.

There will not be a meeting on February 5.

February 19: Lecture on the Miyajima show; there are two possible candidates for the speaker.

March 4 will feature a lecture on American paintings; the speaker will probably be from the Huntington Library and Art Gallery.

March 18: Julie Joyce on the contemporary exhibition

April 15: Edgar Arceneaux

May 6: Bruce Robertson will be speaking on the American collection.

May 20: Eik Kahng will be speaking on the VVG show.

From 5 to 8 on January 30, tours of "The Observable Universe: Visualizing the Cosmos in Art" will be held. Telescope time on the roof of the Library parking garage will follow. So far 21 people have signed up to attend.

New curatorial assistants will soon be coming on board. There are four candidates in play for the position of contemporary curator.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT: Mary Joyce Winder

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 AM.

The next Docent Council Board Meeting will be on February 12, 2020 at 9:30.

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