

ART LEAGUE OF LINCOLN 1st ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING

November 13, 2012

OFFICERS, DIRECTOR & INVITED GUESTS

President - Paul Apfel

Executive Director - Jean Cross

Vice President - Mike Daley

Treasurer - Bill Szabo

Secretary - Bobbie Pilliard

Board Members - Rhonda Campbell, Ray Gonzales, Andy McMurtrie, Events Chair

Invited Guests - Cathie Szabo, America's ClayFest Co-Chair

Member Guest Present: Colleen Giorgi recording as Secretary for Bobbie Pilliard

President Paul Apfel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the 2nd floor theater of Beerman's Restaurant.

PRESIDENT

After introducing the Board of Directors, Jean Cross, Executive Director and the special committees, President Paul Apfel outlined the evening's events beginning with the accomplishments of the member-run organization and stressing the efforts put into milestones so far.

VICE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Mike Daley announced a total of 265 members and asked members to notify him if any email addresses have changed. Mike challenged each member to bring one member into the League stating that purchasing a 12-month membership before December 31, 2012, would give that person a 14-month membership until December 31, 2013. Mike is looking at adding value to the membership by incorporating gratis opportunities within the League to the membership fee.

Mike noted dues will be renewed every January 1st and delinquent after January 31st. New membership cards will be distributed very year and dues may eligible for favorable tax treatment from the IRS and FTB. Mike suggested that members interested in this treatment should discuss it with their tax preparers. Mike also mentioned that the Franchise Tax Board has just informed him that

they have approved our tax-exempt status and will be formally notifying us of that by US Mail.

TREASURER

Treasurer Bill Szabo announced our current balance is \$25,179.19 including donations and dues. We have \$9310.11 in expenses.

Regarding a building to house the Art League, Bill stated it would cost \$800-1000 a month to maintain the building at 580 6th and it was decided by the Board to look at other options - ideally, 1800 sq. ft. downtown, with an administration office and gallery. Some ideas were presented including a raffle for a GMB piece.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jean Cross presented a brief history of the Art League including why and how we are here. Jean explained she is taking classes as Executive Director and presented ideas for a virtual gallery with artist interviews.

AMERICA'S CLAYFEST

Paul explained the name change noting the event will be the same and more. Paul then introduced the Co-Chairs, Cathie Szabo, Mike Daley and Ray Gonzalez. Ray announced renown ceramist and U.C. Berkeley professor, Richard Shaw, will jury the international event.

Mike explained the process of entering shows through EntryThingy and how it can be easily accessed from anywhere in the world, even for jurying purposes utilizing the point system.

Cathie announced the reception date, April 20, 2013, and that tours will go Thursday through Sunday for 5 weeks instead of the previous 4 weeks. There will be art only and photo tours available. Cathie described the gift pack contents of 2 reception tickets, 2 tours plus retail discounts, an \$80 value for \$50.

Additionally, Cathie asked everyone to save their closed-toed shoes for tour members who wear open-toed, and she will be calling for volunteers in January.

Mike asked that everyone look at our web site all4art.net and explained which items are on the site. He also explained that the Art League of Lincoln will assume a "privacy policy" regarding the Member List.

BUSINESS

Noting a quorum present, Paul explained the vote to change the bylaws regarding the President's role with the Nominating Committee. Whereas the bylaws currently allow the president to be an ex officio member of all boards and committees, current parliamentary practice requires that the president not be involved with the nominating committee. The proposed change to the bylaws would include language stating that the president will not be a member, ex officio or otherwise of the nominating committee. A motion was made and passed unanimously approving the change.

Paul next explained the election process and presented the slate of 10 nominees for the Board of Directors to assume office on January 1, 2013 for a 2-year period. He noted that the Board may hold a maximum of 15 members. President Paul called for additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he closed the nominations. Since there was no request to vote by secret ballot, Paul proposed a vote by acclamation (show of hands) for the slate as presented. A motion to vote on the slate by acclamation was offered from the floor and the resulting vote to approve the slate of 10 nominees was unanimous.

QUESTIONS

Paul opened the meeting to questions and comments from the floor. The topics included marketing, our use of public relations, our visibility in the schools, and the importance and needs of the performing arts and literary arts.

Paul outlined the standing committees (Budget and Finance) and special committees (America's ClayFest) adding we are working to avoid conflicts with other events in the area. Jean explained the premise of HeARTS and Rhonda Campbell announced she is working on getting a pro to create the logo for the League.

ADJOURN

Paul announced the general membership meeting will be held annually every November. He then called for a motion to adjourn the current meeting. Upon recognizing the motion from the floor, he adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Colleen Giorgi for Bobbie Pilliard
Secretary

Attachments:

Bylaws Revision

State of the Art League - Lincoln News Messenger

Agenda(s)