



SRAL Board Meeting

April 11, 2023, 1:00 PM SRAL Studio

Attendees: Jeani Gustafson and Arlene Szypulski, Co-Presidents; Debbie Nealy, 2nd V-Pres; Susan Ettl, Treasurer; Karen Keim, Secretary; Nan Lux, Exhibit Liaison, and guest Leslie Berry from Susan's committee for the website.

- 1. SRAL History:** Susan explained from her Google drive research that no winners of SRAL shows are listed from past years, and some minutes are missing from 2016-2019. Leslie noted that if our E-Blasts were archived, they could become an important source of historical information. Arlene offered to meet with Sonya and ask about items that are missing. Jeani said that historical data is probably stored in binders in the library (bottom bookshelf), and she retrieved a notebook that contained documents from 2002 when SRAL moved into its current location. Jeani read the original SRAL motto: "Climb the hills; yonder are the mountains." We discussed the need to compile a history, and Arlynn said she will ask Joyce Cox about interviewing longtime members for information and writing up the results.
- 2. Website Menu** (handout from Susan and Leslie): Susan asked if the Board wanted to include a website document on how judges determine winners, and the Board thought that it might be better to refer members to websites on that topic. Copyright information is important and should include disclaimers so that SRAL can't be sued for posting a work of art with copyright infringement. We can add a Members' Gallery later. We will need permission to publish names and photos, and SRAL will list only alias email addresses, which will work if people respond using their aliases. Demo presenter information is currently on the E-Blast for just one month but could be extended for one year on the website. Items to be scrapped from the menu are Pricing Paintings (available on the internet), how jurors make decisions, How to Take Photos, FAQ's, and links to resource websites. We will add each E-Blast to the Members' News category for a one-year duration. Job descriptions are already in the Bylaws, available on the Studio computer. It was suggested that a banner at the top of the website could feature different art each month. Karen suggested that a statement about donations to SRAL be included on the website.
- 3. Shows:** Nan handed out a list of the remaining shows for 2023. On July 1st, Jody can begin booking for 2024, so Nan would like to have our plans discussed in May so she can get organized in June. Nan announced that new chairs have agreed to take charge of the Permanent Shows: Hana Hanleigh will take over for Canoa Hills, and Jan Harnish for Desert Hills. Thank you to Hana and Jan!



- 4. General Meetings:** Val, our helpful GVR event coordinator for the Springs recreation center, is retiring from her job with maintenance this week, and SRAL will have a reception for her in the kitchen tomorrow. Val will also be at the General Meeting on Thursday.

Debbie asked about putting General Meeting demos on video or making them available on Zoom. She plans to investigate this possibility further to see if the current setup would support making the demos available other than in-person.

Deb talked with Tanya Sell on Thursday to get ideas of artists for future demos.

- 5. Presidents' Report:** Jeani said she and Arlene would like to get an Art Academy restarted this fall. They met with Rich Metcalf who ran the Art Academy before COVID to learn what is involved. Perhaps SRAL could try a test class this summer. Susan said that she has a list of possible volunteer teachers. Karen suggested a title such as Intro to Art instead of Art Academy, since it is intended to teach beginners.

Jeani and Arlene reported that they sent in a proposal for a new studio to Kathy Edwards, emphasizing the current lack of available light. They included SRAL's proposed plans from several years ago obtained from Rich Metcalf. SRAL would need to raise part of the money if the project were accepted.

- 6. Secretary's Report:** The minutes were approved with a few minor changes. Karen said that she felt overloaded and would leave the Board Secretary position at the end of the year.
- 7. Treasurer's Report** (handouts for March 2023 and budget actuals): Arlene motioned, Jeani seconded, and the report was approved.
- 8. Studio Computer Replacement:** Susan will send an email proposal to the Board to purchase a new one, either a Dell or an HP desktop computer. The Dell is \$738 including tax and has 16 GB of RAM. She can get the software needed for \$8.36 per month paid automatically through Paypal. She also recommended a hard backup drive and a protection plan from Norton that would cover all three computers in the Studio. Jeani recommended ordering the computer and replacing and recycling the old printer. Susan will email details.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 9 at 1:00 pm in the SRAL Studio

ADDENDUM: After the General Meeting on April 13, Susan, Arlene, Debbie, and Jeani discussed the computer and voted on what to order--as reported by Jeani:

Jeani made a motion to order the Dell 3910 computer and Arlene seconded. The motion carried.

Jeani made a motion to purchase the WD hard drive, 2 TB and Arlene seconded. The motion carried.

Jeani made a motion to get the Norton ultimate protection for the computer and Arlene seconded. The motion carried. Susan emailed that she ordered the Dell computer and the backup drive that evening.