



SRAL Board Meeting

March 14, 2023, 1:00 PM SRAL Studio

Attendees: Jeani Gustafson and Arlene Szypulsky, Co-Presidents; Debbie Nealy, 2nd V-Pres; Susan Ettl, Treasurer; Karen Keim, Secretary; Nan Lux, Exhibit Liaison.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **SRAL Shows:** Nan talked about upcoming shows and will meet with Karen Workman and Susan Werner to review the March all-member show at Canoa Hills. We are planning an all-member show in November and December in the same location, and she will ask if they would assume that responsibility. Nan wants a show in the Desert Hills lobby in May, and Karen said she would ask the Printmakers Guild if they were interested. Jeani inquired about the type of show we should plan for Nov.-Dec. She suggested giving people a month to decide on voting for prizes, which could be done at a reception in early December. Nan suggested as a theme "Amazing Arizona." We looked at Jeani's list of possible themes and settled on "The Color of Energy." Jeani is interested in working with an experienced person on this or another show to learn how to do shows herself. Arlene volunteered to be the experienced co-chair with Jeani for the November show.
2. **General Meetings:** Deb Said that Tonya Sell will present on creativity in April, and Mark Mahaffey will demonstrate printing in May. She will put the upcoming programs in the E-blast so members can make plans.
3. **Presidents' Report:** Arlene and Jeani met with Kathy Edwards to ask about rules for classes and workshops. They learned that in the 10-year plan, GVR was going to build above the clay space (i.e., on the deck) and decided that now is a good time to apply for that space or an extension to the front of the SRAL Studio. They expect a 5-to-10-year process and will need to prove to GVR that SRAL needs more space. Jeani also mentioned that we don't have volunteers to give classes like we used to and might consider setting up online opportunities, such as the beginner classes that Rich Metcalf used to teach for the SRAL "Academy."
4. **Review of SRAL Board Meeting Minutes:** With a few minor changes, the minutes were approved. Karen asked about Jeani's meetings for membership; the Art-icize meeting drew 13 members, and the plans for the volunteers' appreciation meeting were cancelled.
5. **Report on Special Meeting to discuss shows** Tues, Feb. 21, 1:00 in Studio: Arlene, Deb, Susan, Nan, and Karen attended.

This meeting began with a visit from Lisa Schmidt, who is worried about the GVR Glass Club moving in next door to the SRAL oil painting room. She has corresponded with a GVR member regarding the current bid of \$900,000 to build a huge glass studio. With SRAL in



mind, Lisa pointed out problems besides the enormous expense: these include the smaller membership of the glass group, that the glass facilities will include a large window that could become a source of light for our painters, that the machines for glass work are noisy, and that the construction and adding another large group at the Springs (they expect to grow) will cause not only noise but parking issues. We thanked Lisa for sharing her concerns.

Nan handed out a Summary of Art Exhibits for 2023 and encouraged us to keep looking for a First Vice-President. Resources for the position include a Guide to Organizing an Exhibit (document put together by Susan Ettl) and a notebook kept by Jody, who oversees scheduling shows at GVR. Nan still has some empty spaces to schedule and is hoping that SIGS will provide shows in the remaining slots. She reported that the Desert Hills permanent show will come down on April 15, with none scheduled there for summer as usual. The Canoa Hills show will be changed on April 22. Both Nan and Deanna Brooks, who take care of those permanent shows, would like to turn them over to other members. The permanent shows are arranged informally by email.

Arlene noted a preference for non-juried shows from the SRAL interests survey. After some discussion, Susan motioned, and it was unanimously agreed, that the November all-member show in the Canoa Hill lobbies will be a two-month show and an open show. Members will vote on which entries receive ribbons. Jeani said we need some new themes instead of the usual "Southwest" show.

6. **Treasurer's Report:** Susan handed out treasurer's reports for January and February, comparative lists for the Briggs show and the annual members non-juried shows (projected and actual budgets, 2019-23), a 2023 proposed budget, and a comparison of projected and actual SRAL budgets for 2019-2023. The 2023 proposed budget was approved with two changes: 1. Susan will list the operating costs for the budget of \$1000 and 2. More money will be allowed for mini workshops so that Arlene and Jeani can purchase supplies. Karen suggested that the Studio might purchase recyclable cups instead of styrofoam. The monthly reports were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Website/E-blast:** Susan handed out a proposed list of what should be on the website. We discussed privacy concerns and the lack of information about past files. Jeani suggested that governance items be placed at the end of the menu. Susan recommended that we accept membership payments online. Arlene said only 60 members used credit cards when it was available online in the past and that SRAL loses \$1.35 per use. Jeani suggested an additional online \$2.00 charge for credit card use. Arlene mentioned the extra work for a volunteer to handle online payments, and Susan said we could accept credit cards only (instead of other forms of online payment) to reduce the work.



Karen volunteered to send Susan the list of SRAL website locations listed by previous president Sonya

2. **New Computer:** The computer in the studio is now 10 years old, and Susan will send an email proposal to the Board to purchase a new one.
3. **Changes to By-laws:** These need to be made every 5 or so years. Karen will send out the notes from work on this project that was not completed last year.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:35 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 11 at 1:00 pm in the SRAL Studio