



SRAL Board Meeting

May 9, 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; and Nan Lux, Exhibit Liaison.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Planning Shows for 2024** (Handout from Nan): Nan asked if we would like a welcome back show in the fall and we agreed to have one, if possible, in the Canoa Hills Lobby. Jeani commented that she hoped the SIGS would get in the habit of doing group shows. Karen recommended holding a large painting show at Las Campanas, possibly in January. Susan said that in the past there have been as many as six general shows.
2. **Minutes from April 11:** After a few corrections and with a recommendation and second by Susan and Arlene, the minutes were approved.
3. **General Meetings:** Deb Nealy announced that upcoming presenters include David Simon in June, Karen Hanaker in July, and Kat McHauley on pocket-book sketching sometime in the future. We can always have an “Articize” session in place of a presentation if needed. Susan, who has a two-year certificate in color studies, agreed that she could talk about color for the August General Meeting.
4. Deb will ask Sharon Irish to hand out the tickets and Arizona Art Supply gift certificates at meetings. Jeani explained that, although GVR isn’t asking SRAL to keep a list of attendees at meetings anymore, we will continue to collect them for our own statistics.
5. **Treasurer’s Report:** Susan’s report was approved after a motion and second by Jeani and Karen.
6. **By-Laws Change:** Jeani said that she talked with Past-President Sonya Edwards, who had gone to GVR regarding the guest policy last year. GVR requested that their language be used to describe the policy. Jeani said we should simply approve what they suggested. We can take care of that in October or November.
7. **New Computer System:** Susan has set up the Studio computer and said that Norton will not be needed because Windows 11 comes with its own security. Arlene thanked Susan for getting the computer ready for operation.
8. **Finding New Volunteers:** Suggestions included 1) asking possible candidates to attend a Board meeting and 2) looking for a couple of people who might fill one position together.



9. **Website: (Updated handout):** Susan met with Liz and Nan about membership and exhibit information for the website. Now she is trying to decide on a website provider so that we can move forward. She will put the permanent shows and forms for shows on the website. She has also revised website information for SRAL open shows.
10. **Wix Payment:** Paying month by month is a system that we could use for the current website.
11. **Frequency of E-Blast:** During the months of June through September, we will publish an E-Blast once a month. We can always send out a special E-Blast when needed. Bi-monthly publication will begin again in October.
12. **Mentoring Team:** Jeani and Arlene plan to set up introductory art classes with supply lists and in-house art supplies for use during classes. Both have also made lists of possible teachers and leaders to coordinate this effort.
13. **Drafting table in Room A:** Jeani asked if she could put a large drafting table that is not being used by the Studio into the collection of materials for members to take for a donation. The consent was unanimous.
14. **Art Trips to Museums:** Deb Nealy is looking for a coordinator to arrange these.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **GVR January Showcase:** Jeani called for a more impressive, better-planned presence at this event, which we participated in last year. She planned to ask Valerie St. Marie to take charge.
2. **March Open House at the Studio:** The Clay Studio is participating in this GVR event, and we can take advantage of the opportunity to make our presence better known. We will need publicity, including a banner. Arlene suggested that Ellen Mentz and Bruce Wamley might agree to plan this event, and we can ask Rita Valent to provide some cookies.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 6 at 1:00 pm in the SRAL Studio