

## **SRAL Board Meeting January 9, 2024, 1:00 PM, SRAL Studio**

Attendees: Jeani Gustafson, Co-President; Arlene Szypulski, Co-President; Susan Ettl, Treasurer; Deanna Brooks, Secretary; Rich Metcalf, e-blast editor; Liz Wolf, Membership and Lisa Schmidt, Figure Drawing SIG

1. Minutes from December meeting were approved
2. Mix and Mingle: February 1, will be next mix and mingle. Theme will be “something using red”.
3. Membership: We have 147 members, 30 new. Several new members came to the “mix and mingle”. A notice will go out to those who haven’t paid dues by Feb 1<sup>st</sup> that they will not be able to enter shows or classes and will be removed from the email /eblast list.
4. Access to studio: the new card reader hasn’t been installed yet but when it is only monitors will be able to enter and open the studio. GVR needs a list of all monitor numbers.
5. General Meeting: Kathy Macauley is the February demo artist. She had also asked about doing a 3-day workshop on her topic “pocket sketching”. Since we have a member who also presents on that topic, we will say no.
6. Treasurers report : Final 2023 budget report was approved and drafts of 2024 budgets were presented by Susan. Discussion of increasing the amount for brochures under membership.
7. Encouraging volunteers: Ken Balmer is a member who has experience in how to inspire people to volunteer. We will ask him to do a brief presentation at our February meeting.  

We need volunteers for First Vice President(s); Show Chair for March Members show, and a Mini Workshops coordinator.
7. March members show: Jeani is willing to be the contact person for the March Members show - if we can get volunteers to do the various jobs. There are manuals with descriptions of jobs and plenty of help available. Since space is limited one entry per person and the entry fee will be \$20.
8. Briggs Show needs publicity. Arlene will see about adding to GVR message boards and electronic bulletin board.
9. Another members show? Will check to see if Las Campanas or Canoa Hills are booked for the summer. If open maybe a 3 month members/ “permanent” show.
10. Figure drawing SIG: Lisa Schmidt proposed

adding a tip jar to increase the amount models get rather than increasing the \$5 fee for class members... Plan approved to try for a year.

11. Progress on Classes: 2 Art 101 classes have been added for February. Collage on the 17<sup>th</sup> and Pastel on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

12. Website: several new pages have been added: "learn more" links added for shows and classes and the studio, plus separate pages for SIG groups

13. By Laws changes – Approved by GVR – Will send out In January? – Vote In February General Meeting. Susan needs a copy for the Bank account.

14. GVR – Capital Improvement Requests: How to expand our current space vs. ask for a new building? There are not many walls to move, we don't have a back exit for emergencies, adding outdoor patio for some workshops or socializing is limited. We have 147 members and the studio is used every day...we need more space

15. Continental School fundraiser is Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. They have asked for donations. In the past we have donated paintings. Jeani will check to see if they still want them for their auction.

16. Eblasts: Rich continues to add more photos and class information. He needs info on demos, Art 101, and mixers in time for eblasts. He reported that GVR used an image of SRALs artist's painting without the artists' permission. We should add a line to show application forms that images may be used for advertising.

Restfully submitted, Deanna Brooks