



## SRAL Board Meeting

February 6, 2023, 1:00 PM, SRAL  
Studio

**Attendees:** Jeani Gustafson, Co-President; Arlene Szypulski, Co-President; Deb Nealy, 2<sup>nd</sup> V-President; Susan Ettl, Treasurer; Karen Keim, substituting for Deanna Brooks, Secretary; Ken Balmer, member and presenter.

- 1. Recruitment:** SRAL member Ken Balmer gave a presentation, “Encouraging Volunteers.” The discussion that followed touched on strategies for implementing ideas presented by Ken, such as 1) formalizing shadow positions for each board member, 2) assigning teams to each category of responsibility, 3) requiring that all members volunteer a certain number of hours per month, 4) appointing someone to keep track of volunteering, and 5) showing more appreciation of volunteers. We noted that the website would be good for advertising positions and showing appreciation.
- 2. Membership:** Arlene and Jeani reported for Liz. It is time to verify SRAL membership by checking on dues’ payments for SIG group members and library borrowers. Liz will be needing lists from SIG leaders.
- 3. The SRAL Board Minutes for 1-9-24** were approved.
- 4. A Mix and Mingle Event** will not be held in March. The next one is planned for April 4<sup>th</sup>, when attendees will bring some art in progress.
- 5. General Meetings:** The General Meeting this month will feature Kathy MacKauley, who has taught pocket sketching on PBS. Deb listed the presenters for March (Nancy Green, “Fun with Cold Wax”), April (Tanya Sells, portrait painting), and May (Kate McCavit).
- 6. Treasurer’s Report:** Susan has received \$10,000 for the Sussman-Briggs endowment and deposited it in the SRAL Chase checking account. She will close the Briggs account at Merrill Lynch (approximately \$3,000) and move that money to Chase in March. The Board voted approval of Susan’s request to leave a buffer of \$17,000 in the Chase account and put the rest in a Fidelity money market.  
The January treasurer’s report was approved.
- 7. Art Shows:** Since the remodeling there is no longer a place for the permanent show at Canoa Hills. However, SRAL can have a permanent show at the West Center for September until Nov. 6.  
Arlene said that the Briggs Retro show was a success in January and that she would like to schedule one for January 2025 when that becomes possible. Next year we will hold the first Briggs-Sussman abstract show in January and the final Briggs show in February.



Arlene reported that the 2024 Briggs show featured 23 entries and was well attended. The \$840 income from entries paid for the reception, the demo, and extra expenses.

Jeani reported on the Members Show for March to be held at Canoa Hills. There is no theme.

Bonnie Nelson will take care of judging by Carol St. John, and Jeani is meeting with the food volunteer.

The fall members show will be for just one month, December.

8. **The New SRAL Brochure** is out. Leslie Berry designed it, and Susan helped with editing.
9. **WEB:** The Show calendar is located on the Events page of the website. Google and Yahoo changed the authorization protocol for emails, and Constant Contact took care of the changes for SRAL.
10. **The Veteran's Mural:** The GVR Master Gardeners are sponsoring this project. Once the signboards are sealed, they would like SRAL volunteers to join La Posada volunteers to help improve the design and do the painting. Susan will communicate this opportunity to SRAL members on the E-blast.
11. **ART 101:** In March there will be classes for members new to collage and printmaking. Jeani had a memo from Karen Keim that listed the cost of supplies for the Printmaking 101 class on March 23, which are running more than anticipated income from participant fees. SRAL will reimburse that cost with the understanding that reusable supplies will be locked in storage for 101 classes in the future.
12. **Mini Workshops:** In March Bonnie Nelson will teach "Loose and Juicy" acrylic abstract painting, and Fran Sutherland will teach about the effective use of brushes in painting. Mini workshops [and Art 101 classes?] are announced by email on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month and may be scheduled two times per month. Susan suggested that a mini workshop might follow an Art 101 class on the same subject to allow for a continuation of learning. Jeani said that Darilyn Ronn has volunteered to organize the art classes next year.
13. **By-Laws:** On January 25, 2024, a special e-mail was sent to each member of The Santa Rita Art League containing proposed changes to the SRAL by-laws. [After this Feb. Board Meeting, a vote on those changes took place at the SRAL General Meeting on February 8. The SRAL President paraphrased the changes, so they were fresh in members' minds. Sally Bryan made the motion to accept the changes, and Ken Balmer seconded the motion. Of the 73 members in attendance, 70 voted to approve the changes—more than the required two-thirds of those present.] The result will be sent to GVR.
14. **SRAL Request to GVR:** Jeani and Arlene have made a request for 1) sidewalks from



all parking areas to the SRAL Art Studio. GVR added scanners to the Studio. A list of monitors will be sent to GVR after the names are checked for unpaid 2024 dues. The monitors will be able to enter the studio with GVR card on scanners.

**15. Continental School Donation:** This year the school requested only three SRAL paintings for its auction, because they have others that weren't sold at the galas in previous years. Since the request hasn't been announced to our membership, Jeani said that she would not send any art this year. Karen Keim volunteered to donate three of her prints and arrange to get them to the school yet this week. Jeani will relate that to the contact person.

**16. Club Showcase on March 1 at Canoa Hills:** SRAL will share a table with the Clay Studio. Then we will hold an open studio on March 16 at the Santa Rita Springs Open House.

**17. SRAL Library:** Susan Werner is setting up a new scanning system for the check-out and return of books.

**Meeting adjourned:** 3:45 pm.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, March 12, 1:00 pm