



SRAL Board Minutes June 11, 2024

Attendees: Arlene Szypulski, Co-President; Deanna Brooks, Secretary; Susan Ettl, Treasurer. Absent: Jeani Gustafson, Co-President; Deb Nealy, 2ND V- President; Liz Wolf, Membership. Guests: Hugh Beykirch and Carol Wiggins Shiffer

1. Minutes from the May meeting was approved by Arlene and Susan with edits on June 14th.
2. Library: Carol Wiggins Shiffer reported that the bookshelves have been repaired, braced and repainted. (Arlene did the carpentry, Carol the painting). Looks great. Bar Codes are now on all books and monitors will be trained in the Fall. Some are being tested now. More book ends are needed – tall and heavy – Amazon has 14 for \$20.

The 2024 budget for library expenses is \$1000. Currently, \$860 is available. Carol will check SIG leaders for book suggestions. Books on assemblage and cold wax are possibilities. New books will be displayed on top of the shelves. They plan to resume bringing books to monthly meetings to check out in the Fall. Duplicate books have been gathered and the plan is to offer them for donations in the Fall. Carol suggested a mural created by SIG groups on the top of the bookshelves that could change periodically.

3. Mix + Mingle June 6th: 10 people. No July meeting since the date falls on the 4th. Possible group gatherings: Pictionary game on July 11th focused on art, and Still Life Painting on Saturday mornings July and August using any medium. Dates TBD.
4. Camera for monthly meetings: Replacing the camera is very expensive. A refurbished camera was purchased. The plan is to refurbish the old camera.
5. Hugh Beykirch discussed the upcoming abstract shows and the need to have criteria and applications info soon. Possible judge for the Sussman-Briggs Exhibit: Jared Newton. Entry fee for this exhibit is \$40. All entries need to be square with the frame no more than 2 inches. May enter 2 pieces. Deadline for submission of entries is Dec 14. Hugh and Arlene will be co-chairs for both January and February shows.
6. Discussion of definition of abstract art. A definition of Abstract/Non-Representational art was discussed. As far as I remember, no decision was made to post this. They have to be reviewed for accuracy. Besides, the problem is with the Members show which has representational and non-representational.
7. Other Shows: Sept to mid-November: a Permanent Show will be at West Center. Hana Hanleigh has agreed to chair it. A November Briggs Retrospective at Canoa Hills will be added, Lane Cook will be Chair. The Members Show will be in December. The theme: Between Light and Shadow. Assemblage in October will be at West Center. There will be no saw tooth hangers allowed and we need to explore whether cradle boards will hang on the new wires. We will continue to request metal hanging wires and a free-standing wall.

8. A list of dates and spaces has been sent to GVR for 2025 exhibit dates.
9. Criteria for Exhibit Artwork will be revised: No saw teeth. Wire must be 4 inches from the top of the artwork
10. Website: It is up to date. Applications and information for Fall shows will be added. Information on monthly demos is needed early for the e-blast and website.
11. Volunteers: The email on job openings has gone out but very few responses to date. Plan to resend the email next week. In August we can review any unfilled slots and decide how to proceed – phone calls?? Ask for volunteers at August monthly mtg?

No Meeting in July. Next meeting Tuesday August 6th at 1:00

Respectfully submitted Deanna Brooks