

Red River Watercolor Society

Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2013

7:00PM Meeting opened by President Pat Jorgensen (Upstairs)

Secretary's Report: Darline Sween

Meeting minutes are posted online for review prior to meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Former treasurer and new treasurer are meeting to work out the transfer details. The books will be audited once transfer is complete and then again in July.

MM Savings: \$23,879.36

Checking: \$12,807.74

Still be thinking about ways to reinvest back into the membership.

Old Business: **National Show:**

Robin - volunteers are needed for fundraising and advertising.

Plains Art Museum has responded to our letter requesting partnership for hosting the 2014 National Show. They schedule out quite far and will not be available for another 2 - 4 years. Meg J. at the Plains is interested in other partnership opportunities and will meet with Pat on Feb. 7th.

Pat will be calling Rourke and ecce art + yoga next week to see if they are interested and available to host the 2014 National Show.

Sons of Norway. They have a large room. May not be appropriate for the National Show, but keep in mind for other events.

Mini Workshop: Will plan for Friday evening and Saturday towards the end of the National Show. Will check into the expense involved in hiring the Mhd Park Board staff for the weekend if held at the Hjemkomst. Ideally the workshop will be held at the Hjemkomst where the National Show entries provide inspiration for the workshop. Would like to invite Andy Evansen from the Cities to teach the workshop. We would like to write a grant specifically for this weekend workshop. Barbara Deraas and Maris O'Connell have volunteered to organize this mini workshop.

8th Street Show:

Application forms will be sent out in January.

Paint Around:

Decided that we will actually have the Paint Around during a RRWS monthly meeting in April or May in conjunction with the Art Swap sale. We will set up a still life to paint from and seat 4 members at each table. Each artist will set up their palette, brushes and paper and sketch the still life from their vantage point. A timer will be set at 15 minute intervals allowing each artist to move to the next chair and paint the still life until they end up back where they started.

For those that are interested, the **Women's Perspective** deadline is 1/15/13.

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New Business:

Upcoming Meetings:

February: Meeting at Liz Schwankl's studio. Diane will send out the address and information in an email prior to the meeting.

March: Janet Flom will do a demo on painting with a live model.

April or May: Paint Around plus Art Swap

Fall: Bring your child/grandchild to paint

The Past: Would like some of the former board members to meet with current board members to go through numerous boxes and files to determine what to keep. Would like to accomplish this prior to the March RRWS meeting.

Kind Note: We received a lovely note regarding the show at the Atrium.

"Thanks for the nice art display. The variety and quality is excellent." Marilyn Versteeg, Park Rapids.

Introducing Share the Love, Share the Paint:

As a way to reinvest in our membership and share our love and passion for painting and art the RRWS would like to host a ***Share the Love, Share the Paint*** workshop in March. We are looking for one of our very own qualified RRWS members to teach the workshop. It would be a three hour, Saturday workshop most likely held at the Church. Interested RRWS membership would invite a friend or family member and share their painting supplies (paper, paint, and brushes, etc.). There is no initial investment in art materials required of the guest, just a desire to learn how to paint and have fun! The RRWS will cover the expense of the teacher and space rental. Be watching for more information. Darline Sween is coordinating this workshop.

Tonight's Meeting: Videos on two prominent watercolor artists, Daniel Green and Alvaro Castagnet were presented by Janet Flom

7:30PM Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Darline Sween, RRWS Secretary.