

Art Guild of Orange Park Board Meeting
November 25, 2024, 9:30 – 11:30 AM
Grumpy's Restaurant, Orange Park

Members present were Phyllis Renninger, Andrea Sibilla, Sarah Sawyer, Debbie Cusick, Sandra Jones, Linda Hawkins, Kathy Plante, and Rhona Scoville.

Phyl called the meeting to order at 9:42 AM.

Rhona made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 28, 2024 board meeting and the November 8 email vote. Linda seconded and the motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report - There is just over \$46,000 in checking. We had three sponsor donations to Artistic Views and two new members.

Brief Reports:

President's Report - We welcomed Sarah Sawyer to the Consultant position. Phyl reviewed her duties, which include fundraising and membership growth, and reviewed the contract. Sarah will submit an invoice monthly and the board will have an annual performance review at the strategic planning meeting. Phyl asked each board member to give Sarah some advice.

Fleming Island Garden Club discussion - They will participate in our May 16 & 17 Studio Tour. We will also invite the Orange Park Garden Club to participate. We will develop a set of written rules for participation in the event. FIGC is also interested in collaborating on a wine-tasting event.

2025 Gala ideas include possible themes such as Margaritaville, black & white party, masked ball, France, artistic inspiration. Our goals are to earn \$10,000, get more sponsors, maintain the \$50 ticket price, increase advertising/attendance. Linda made a motion that we use Hilltop Restaurant for the 2025 gala, Sandra seconded, and the motion passed.

Vice President - Holiday party - RSVP to Beth, sign up for table decoration, \$5 at the door, bring a Christmas tree decoration, and silent auction items. Holiday party set-up is December 9 at 10 AM at Fox Valley Center.

At our February meeting we will have the Art Exchange and Sales.

Scholarships - Fine Arts Career Night was at Fleming Island High School on November 21. There was a good turn out. We handed out scholarship applications and brochures, and discussed programs and workshops.

Exhibits - Take down for the Town Hall summer project exhibit is December 10, 9-10 AM. Thrasher Horne theme is Visions and Variables. Pre-register with Kathy by 9PM January 16. Take-in is January 21st; take-down is June 23, 10 AM to noon. Maximum size is 16x20" without the frame. You may register two pieces.

JCA exhibit is October 2025; there will be a monochromatic theme.

Communications - Linda has a preliminary copy of Artistic Views. Some photos are missing and must be tracked down. Also, some of the paintings were improperly photographed, prompting a discussion for the need for training in how to correctly photograph a painting.

Workshops/Programs - December 5 is the Plein Air workshop with Abby Murphy.

Community Service - We'll be painting the mural for the OP Garden Club and need volunteers. We need someone to chair the Community Service committee. In December 2025, we will be creating Victorian Christmas cut-outs to decorate the Historic Triangle in Green Cove Springs.

Other Reports - At the January 6, 2025 general meeting, we will discuss the calendar of activities, the art exchange, and Thrasher Horne.

Our next board meeting is January 27, 2025 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM at Grumpy's Restaurant in Orange Park.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:21 AM.