

Art Guild of Orange Park Board Meeting

April 28, 2025, 9:30 – 11:30

Grumpy's Restaurant, Orange Park

Agenda

Mission - Share knowledge and generate wonder through art.

Vision - Promoting Art. Engaging Generations

- Meeting Called to Order
- Roll call.
- Minutes from Mar 24, 2025 (attached).
- Treasurer update
- Brief Reports / updates.
 - Scholarships and May 5 meeting format (630 Brief meeting including Kathy's brief monochromatic presentation, Scholarship awards, refreshment break, speaker -- Plus 8 Concert on the Green posters on display)
 - VP/Fundraising
 - Studio Tour, May 16 – 17.
 - President Report
 - 2025 Gala, Enchanting Masquerade. Discuss chairs, sponsor benefits, and set three Summer art/mask paint days. Also Mask plan (silent auction, sell, make).
 - 2025 Summer Project/Artistic Views update.
 - TC Miller Center, Explain options, board approval to move forward (Phyl & Sarah Power Point and proposal handout, present to Parks/Recreation Committee, Town Council \$1 agreement, 6-month renovations, support grants/funds, 1st Art Gallery & Art Museum in Clay County, PR campaign, Open House)
 - Budget amendments (Studio tour signs and programs/workshop laptop)
 - Prep for Strategic Planning Workshop by committee.
 - Board positions and turnover plans.
 - Game Nights – Wednesday, May 21, 7-9 pm
 - Consultant updates
 - Other updates?
- Upcoming Board meetings:
 - May 19 (Changed from the 26th due to Memorial day) 930 – 1130, Grumpy's Conference Room.
 - June 23 -- Start at 9:00 due to T-H Takedown at noon until 2 pm.
 - July 28 Strategic Planning Board Workshop – 9-4, Hilltop. Lunch will be paid for and prepared by Hilltop. We will bring coffee and donuts for the morning. (Sept 1 is Labor Day, plan to set first meeting at Sep 8). Have plans ready for 2025-2026 year.
- Adjourn

Art Guild of Orange Park Board Meeting, March 24, Grumpy's Restaurant, Orange Park

Present: Phyllis Renninger, Debbie Cusick, Andrea Sibilla, Nancy Page, Silvia Murariu, Marsha Roberts. Beth Haizlip, Kathy Plante, Kristi Carnes. Sarah Sawyer participated for a bit via phone.

Phyllis called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

Minutes: Nancy made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24th board meeting and Debbie seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report: We have \$45,700 in checking, \$22,000 in the LPL account and \$16,700 in the money market account. We have four new members, and we received a donation of \$62. Six paintings sold at the Concert on the Green, but we made no money from the event.

Building: Phyl says what we need is a "fixer upper" but nothing available in a reasonable price range. The Historical Society wants the small cottage in Clarke Park, but they plan to use it for storage. Phyllis will have a meeting with town officials and stress the town's commitment to supporting the arts as this building would be perfect for us to use. Nancy mentioned a performing arts group that might be willing to partner with us on a building. Apparently there are some possible buildings behind The Granary on Kingsley.

Past President: Upcoming field trip on April 17th to the Cummer. We need at least 10 attendees for everyone to get the best price. Currently 8 signed up. Will have Wendy list the names in the newsletter to make sure no one is omitted, and to give others a chance to sign up.

Membership: Kristi Carnes was introduced as possible membership chair. Committee chairs are appointed, and not voted on by membership, so Kristi suggested they could take over their positions immediately after being appointed. This could also apply to Marsha Roberts if she takes over from Linda Hawkins for Communications. All could still be installed in September.

The only ones voted on at the April meeting are President, Past President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We still need a Vice President. They would be installed in September. Phyl suggested we consider expanding committees on the board, such as a chair of the Gala Committee. Note that at present Sandy is still the Membership chair and Sarah should be assisting her. The Chair should investigate analyzing membership information such as where members live. It would require some computer skills.

Clay County has an upcoming art show, and they would like to have one AGOP member to participate as one of the judges for the show. This is the same day as the Studio Tour so would need someone not involved with that.

Community Service: Orange Park High School is having a Spring Market on April 26, 10-3. \$25 for a single space or \$40 for a double space. Members could sell their works as we promote the Guild. If members sell works they should give 10% of the proceeds to the guild. We need a sign-up at the upcoming meeting to see who wants to participate. Members participating should volunteer to be at the booth during the event, perhaps morning and afternoon shifts. We would need assistance in setting up and take down as well. Phyl says our tent is very easy to set up.

Scholarship: Nancy says they have received one application already but are expecting several more. Deadline is April 1 and they hope to begin interviews by April 16. Phyl will see if the Fox Valley location can be used for the interviews. Scholarship(s) will be presented at the May meeting where our speaker is Wayne Wood, biographer of Courtney Hunt, after whom our scholarship is named. A cake and punch will be provided but we can still have people bring refreshments for the meeting prior to the awards. Next year maybe we can have sign-up sheets for refreshments.

Fundraising: Studio Tour is May 16-17. The Orange Park and Fleming Island Garden Clubs are also participating. The OP Garden Club hopes we can paint their garden shed prior to the tour. Kathy Plante has planned for the shed but we need to work out dates. Remove the word "annual" from the web page as we may not do this annually. Currently 16 artists are signed up to participate in the studio tour, plus both Garden Clubs. Each of the groups will handle their own ticket sales and keep their own proceeds from the ticket sales. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the meeting. Tickets will be available on the day of the event as well. Hand write numbers on the tickets to keep track of who gets which tickets.

Sarah envisioned doing a tea party in the future.

Gala: Phyl will ask Leslie to oversee masks, mask decorating, and paint days. How shall we sell them? Phyl suggested we should also have headdresses or tiaras, with lace, for folks who find masks uncomfortable due to wearing glasses. Other events at gala: dessert, silent auction, art sales. We had too much art previously which made it overwhelming, so we need to limit the art. Paint days to paint small items for sale. A Halloween theme might be too limiting, leaving us stuck with stuff that doesn't sell, so perhaps just a general fall theme. We need to get sponsors, parting gifts, maybe Betty McKee can do parting gifts again. We need a sign listing names of sponsors at the entrance. A painted backdrop as we had at the Safari gala, which was very popular.

Exhibits: All is going well at the Thrasher Horne. A few pieces have been sold. Takedown is June 23rd, 12-2. Artists will get paid after the end of the show. In October we have the Monochrome show at the JCA. Talk to members about what that entails at the May meeting. Kathy was approached by Penney Farms about doing a show there. She will get details. She said they like large pictures there. Possibly March-April time frame next year. Beth will check with the St. Johns Country Day School about doing another show there. The "anything goes" aspect of the show, being able to show older works and work from workshops, was popular.

Communications: Because of uncertainties Linda Hawkins will resign from the board. Everyone should look at the website to check for possible errors in dates, etc. Especially check the Resources tab to see what we can keep and what we can remove. We only want to advertise our sponsors there.

Consultant: Sarah wants everyone to go vote for us on the Best of Clay website, a way to get our name out there. She is working on making sure new members' names and contacts get passed along to Wendy to make sure they get the newsletter. Can we get business cards to pass out? Need to check on price, Social events just to get members together: - Game night at Fox Valley, March 27th, 7-9 PM - Happy Hour at the Hilltop, April 2nd, 6:30 PM

Workshops: Leslie has at least 6 signed up for her workshop. Maybe still more will sign up.

Programs 25-26: Beth is working on programs for the upcoming year and should have all the details by our next board meeting. December 8th will be our annual holiday party. Among programs are Paul Ladnier doing oils, and possibly calligraphy with Betty McKee. We made \$3700 this year on workshops.

Our next board meeting is April 28th. Reminder that because of Memorial Day the following board meeting will be a week earlier on May 19th.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Cusick