

Art Guild of Orange Park Board Meeting
April 28, 2025, 9:30 – 11:30 AM
Grumpy's Restaurant, Orange Park

Members present were Phyllis Renninger, Beth Haizlip, Sarah Sawyer, Andrea Sibilla, Nancy Page (by phone), Debbie Cusick, Sandra Jones, Sylvia Murariu, Rhona Scoville, Kathy Plante, Linda Windland, and Marsha Roberts.

Phyl called the meeting to order at 9:36 AM.

Sarah made a motion to approve board minutes from March 24, 2025; Andrea seconded, and minutes were approved.

Treasurer Update- Our balance on March 31, 2025 was \$46,230. We have two new members.

Brief Reports:

Scholarships- Three seniors out of six applicants were selected for scholarships: 2@\$1500 and 1@\$1000, for a total of \$4000. Their three art teachers each will be given \$200 gift cards. Other expenses will include a \$300 speaker's fee to Wayne Wood and \$100 for cake and punch.

Posters from Concert on the Green will be displayed. Members of the media are expected.

Board members are asked to wear name tags and circulate to greet and welcome guests.

May 5th business meeting, beginning at 6:30, will be brief and will include Kathy's monochromatic presentation, scholarship awards, refreshment break, and speaker.

VP Fundraising - Maps and tickets for Studio Tours are available on our website. We've ordered 14 double-sided signs. Both Garden Clubs will pay \$60 for signs and tickets.

President's Report-

Gala - Kathy will coordinate a mask committee to create guidelines for elegant mask designs.

The committee will decide how masks will be sold and meet quality control guidelines. There will be summer dates for working on masks.

Summer Project - List of books and sign-up is on our website.

TC Miller Center - We hope to take over the center by the end of the year, once renovations and a security system are complete. We're hoping for an Open House before Christmas. Lots of details must be worked out. Linda made a motion to move ahead with the Art Guild using the TC Miller Center, Sandy seconded, and the motion was approved.

Budget Amendments - There are two amendments to the budget: 1) We need to pay for Studio Tour signage and programs, and 2) we need a laptop computer. Debbie made a motion to amend the budget to make these purchases, Kathy seconded, and the motion passed.

Preparation for the Strategic Planning Meeting - We will be creating a master calendar, so programs and workshops must be in place, community service activities, chat and coffee dates, exhibits, field trips, and events. We need to name the TC Miller Center gallery.

Board positions and turn-over plans - Sandra will stay on as membership chair and someone else will take over the spreadsheet. We need someone to run the database. Marsha Roberts will be taking over Communications. Linda Windland will continue to help with Artistic Views.

Game Nights - We need to know how many people are planning to attend the May 21st game night or if we should cancel it. We discussed if something else could take its place. An art salon, bring art that we're working on to Chat & Coffee?

Consultant's Update - The city of Orange Park is planning to adopt a signature bird as a city symbol. We could help in selecting what kind of bird and how to display the bird in art around the city. Sarah would like to develop a list of mutual benefits/responsibilities between the Art Guild and their sponsors. Also, Sarah would like to make businesses and the public aware of commissioned work that members of the Art Guild could provide.

Other - Phyl presented the idea of an annual t-shirt for members. Each year a member-created design would be selected with a new t-shirt color and design each year.

Upcoming board meetings:

May 19, 9:30-11:30 AM at Grumpies. Debbie will take secretary notes.

June 23, 9-11 AM at Grumpies. Thrasher Horne take-down noon - 2PM.

July 28 Strategic Planning Board Workshop - 9 AM - 4 PM at Hilltop.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 AM.