

October 27, 2025 Art Guild of Orange Park Board Meeting Minutes
Held at Grumpy's Restaurant, Orange Park

Present: Phyllis Renninger, Debbie Cusick, Rhona Scoville, Andrea Sibilla, Sarah Sawyer, Sandra Jones, Kathy Plante, Nancy Page, Silvia Murarui, Pam Richards, and Mason Puls.

The meeting was called to order at 9:33AM.

Phyl asked for the approval of the September 22, 2025, board meeting minutes. Nancy made the motion, Sandra seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - September balances were checking \$46,2999. LPL \$22,000, Money Market \$16,800, Gala total received so far \$7300. Nina Wunderlich, Stephanie Tolley, and Pam Richards completed our audit. They said our report was thorough and detailed, and we're in strong financial shape.

Gala Report - We had compliments from the Hilltop staff. Our sponsors donated \$12,320. What worked? Parting gifts, 50/50 raffle, Halloween decorations by Hilltop, bookkeeping, costumes, having scholarship students there, having FFCJ students, costumes and masks. What didn't work? Didn't need hightop tables, no trips sold, need bigger sold stickers on art and more art submissions, two part ID tags on the art, better selection of food. Suggestions? Return to bling boxes, signage (pay here), section for award-winning art, People's Choice award, more gift certificates (high tea).

Gallery Update - Still no lease; town wants us to have a million dollar insurance policy. Dennis Smallwood will be the gallery coordinator. Suggestion - Connection wall (our connections to famous artists), sponsor search. Save-the-date handout for Gallery Ribbon Cutting, Chair-i-tea, and next Gala. Gallery shower - bring shower gifts on November 3 to gallery between 1:30-4:30 or membership meeting.

Artistic Views - should be ready for the November 3rd meeting.

Membership - 81 members.

Consultant Update - The tea party and gallery are currently the two pressing topics. The tea party is March 28th. Fleming Island Garden Club will help out. There will be two chair painting/decorating meetings at Penney Retirement Center. Waste Not Want

Not event at Orange Park Mall before Thanksgiving to decorate and design tin cans into ornaments. There will be a Waste Not Want Not mural at their office building. January 17, Sound Walk Roots event from 3-9PM, at 401 1st St North, Jacksonville Beach, proceeds benefit AGOP. We can sell our art at this event.

Holiday Party - at Fox Valley Center, buy a \$5 ticket (money goes to scholarships), bring food for potluck, silent auction item, and optional ornament exchange. There will be a team table decorating competition (prize certificate).

Community Service - Paint days are November 12-14 for Victorian Christmas cut-outs at the Green Cove Spring Historic Triangle.

Secretary Report - We have tax exempt status at Home Depot, Best Buy, Costco, Publix, Lowes, Walmart, and Staples.

Exhibits - Take-down JCA exhibit on Wednesday, Oct 29 1-2PM. Next event will be the gallery opening, January 17th deadline Penney Retirement Center Centennial Celebration art exhibit, March AGOP exhibit at Penney Retirement Center, and June/July FCJ Art exhibit.

Scholarships - Art Guild will meet with Clay County art teachers. Explore tuition reimbursement plan for college students who help at events and attend meetings.

Workshops & Programs - Next workshop is with Corey Moortgat. Nine enrollees.

Past President - Pastel Plein Air Society and AGOP meet at 9:30AM, November 11 at Penney Retirement Center to paint and take photographs.

Next Membership Meeting - Gala and gallery reports, upcoming dates for events and exhibits, reminder of Christmas party (need a committee). Sarah will make certificates for winning table decorations.

Next board meeting - November 24, 2025 at 9:30AM at Grumpy's Restaurant, Orange Park.