

San Antonio Calligraphers Guild  
May 7, 2015  
Minutes of **General Meeting**

The monthly meeting of the San Antonio Calligraphers Guild (SACG) was held in the Parish Hall of Christ Episcopal Church at 510 Belknap Place, San Antonio, Texas on May 7, 2015 and called to order by Vice President, Suzan O'Connor, at 7:04 p.m.

The minutes for the April General Meeting are posted on the SACG website.

Our guests and new member were introduced:

Lois Anderson – guest of Joan Schmidt

Charlie Schultz – guest and spouse of Dolores Schultz

Gene Stanley – guest and spouse of Sylvia Stanley

Will Axsom – new member

The treasurer's report was read, accepted and filed for audit.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Awards & Memorials:**

Lenora Jordan gave a short summary about the purpose of the Paul Freeman Award. The nominees & winners are Beth Morton, Sylvia Stanley, Bonnie Davis and Suzan O'Connor.

#### **Directory:**

Suzan O'Connor clarified that the SACG membership roster will not be on the website. It will be e-mailed out to the members.

#### **Envelope Exchange:**

Sylvia Stanley encouraged participants to bring their envelopes to the pot luck dinner in June so they can be displayed for viewing.

#### **Exhibit Coordinator:**

Rosemary Rodriguez reported that the exhibit we were planning for the third Friday this month, has been cancelled by the restaurant owner. We might possibly have another before the end of the year. There are plans, though, for one in May of 2016 at the central library downtown.

#### **Hospitality:**

Karen Fridlund thanked those who brought refreshments tonight – Bonnie Davis, Beverly Carter, Denise Cavanaugh, Monica Brooks, Becky Hughes and Fay Lee.

#### **Library:**

Suzan O'Connor advised that as it has been approved and agreed upon to purchase a lockable shelf unit for our library, the number of books in the library will need to be downsized. She distributed a survey to the members so they can rate the books in order of importance to help determine which

should be kept. Suzan also discussed the Amnesty Program for missing books that may have been checked out long ago and never returned.

### **Major Workshops:**

Leslie Winakur reported that we will have a major workshop on October 3 & 4, 2015. The instructor will be Margaret Morgan, author of 'The Bible of Illuminated Letters' and the workshop will be Free Range Writing: Moving Away from Traditional Forms Toward an Alphabet of Your Own. Margaret has also agreed to give a lecture on October 2, 2015 at the home of Leslie Winakur. Her talk will be Tales of an Illuminator and How I Met the Queen.

Leslie also advised that Maria Sovia, from Argentina, has agreed to give a workshop on negative space, in 2017.

### **Mini Workshops:**

Lenora Jordan advised that the mini, "Writing on Anything but Paper", scheduled for May 21 has been changed to May 14. The June 18<sup>th</sup> mini will be "Designing a Monogram".

### **Secret Pals:**

Bonnie Davis gave all the Secret Pal participants a piece of roofing paper, paint and a birdhouse to be turned into finished projects and brought back in September.

### **New Business:**

Election of Officers – Becky Hughes read the slate of officers presented by the nominating committee – President Carolyn Patton, Vice President Suzan O'Connor, Secretary Laura Herold, Treasurer Maggie Gillikin, Parliamentarian Becky Hughes, Members-at-Large Leslie Winakur, Sylvia Stanley, Bonnie Davis, Lenora Jordan & Lynn Rothe. A vote was taken and all were elected by acclamation.

Leslie announced that St. Mary's University has extended an invitation to the guild to participate in their art show the first week in October. They will choose up to six entries to be included in their juried show. The theme is "Behold, Your Mother" and the artwork must be turned in by the end of August. The size is up to 36" x 48" with a 40% commission to the school. The proceeds go to the art students at the university.

Side note: Maggie and Leslie have gotten three commissions from St. Mary's.

The membership committee has started a "New Member Orientation" for those who have joined the guild within the last two years. Contact membership committee chair Fran Boffo for details.

We have been given a challenge for this next year. It is called 3x3x3. Each member is challenged to turn in one 3x3 inch piece of artwork every month with a 3 letter word included in the design. At the end of the year, all the pieces will be turned into one or more pieces of art. A suggestion was made to use some of the pieces for our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2016. This is all still under discussion. Note: We are doing this with the permission of the Waco Guild as they did it last year and that is where we got the idea.

### **Announcements:**

The Texas Watercolor Society is having an exhibit at the Radius Center 5/13 – 5/29.

SAMA is having an exhibit of Jamie Wyeth artwork.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm. A 10 minute break for refreshments commenced and was followed by our program – A Retrospective by Sylvia Stanley.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Rothe

Substitute for MaryLynn Lurz, Secretary - SACG