

Minutes of the NECTAG Meeting – January 15, 2009

The Meeting came to order at 6:40p.m.

- ◆ There were seven members in attendance.
- ◆ Cindy Braaten informed us there is a competition going on if anyone wants to enter it. Go online at Wetcanvas.com to download forms, etc.
- ◆ Cindy Braaten previously sent the board members a review of 2008 for approval. She read it to the members at the meeting.
- ◆ For anyone who does not know how to access the “members only” information on the Guild’s website, the username is “fineartist” and the password is “fineart”.
- ◆ It was brought up that the application form needs a little work since it is missing places for some of the information.
- ◆ Rebecca Montgomery mentioned the process of joining the group could use a little work. The lack of acknowledgement after sending in her application made it difficult. She had no way of knowing if she really was a member, when the meetings are, etc.
- ◆ There are several members can’t make the meetings on Thursdays so the meeting day is not completely settled.
- ◆ It was brought up that there should be some kind of recognition for the EC. Jacquie Lucier brought up the idea of letting them hang for free. Someone else mentioned the possibility of free dues for the EC in the upcoming year.
- ◆ Jacquie mentioned she has illustrated a soup can label for a brand that’s sold in airports, etc. It’s Shoreline Favorites. Her illustration is on a couple of their labels. Congratulations Jacquie!!!
- ◆ Barbara Gleason’s son is showing some works at the library. Contact Barbara for the details if you would like to show your support and see his pieces.

Cindy Braaten asked if there was any new business to be discussed?

- ◆ Barbara Gleason asked what the percentage is for the amount that goes to the Guild when a piece is sold. Tim Oliver mentioned that Ed Dempsey also asked about it. It was determined that there is a percentage which needs to be sent in to the Guild. Because it isn’t clear enough and the procedure isn’t clear enough, people easily overlook this and don’t send it in. This needs to be followed up on since the Guild is missing out on some money.
- ◆ Tami Hamel had a suggestion on reducing redundant paperwork: have three places to sign on the prospectus so everything would be on one sheet - sign when drop it off, sign when pick up, sign when agree, etc.
- ◆ Tim Oliver read the financial statement. We have roughly \$3,000 which is good considering the website is done.
- ◆ Cindy Braaten made an official announcement that she will be stepping down from the office of president (or any other office). Tim Oliver said he’s stepping down as well. They have done two years each and feel it is time for some others to step in and take over. They are hoping people will step up and volunteer to take an active part in keeping the Guild moving ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Anderson

Recording Secretary