

Minutes of the NECTAG Meeting

March 12, 2008

The Meeting came to order a little after 6:30 p.m.:

Cindy Braaten introduced our new member, Tami Hamel, who told us a little bit about herself.

The first order of business for the night was the annual election of officers:

The first nomination to be made was for the President. The only nominee for that office was Cynthia Braaten and a motion was made and seconded with a unanimous vote by the members. The next order of business was to nominate the persons to fill the offices of Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. There were two positions that had more than one nominee and each one of them denied the position so that left the remaining person as nominee. Again, motions were made and seconded with unanimous votes of the members present and accepted absentee ballots.

- ❖ President: Cindy Braaten
- ❖ Vice President: Tim Oliver
- ❖ Recording Secretary: Sheryl Anderson
- ❖ Correspondence Secretary: Jackie Lucier
- ❖ Treasurer: Ed Dempsey*

**E.M. Dempsey, who was not present that evening, has agreed to be the Treasurer. While he is on vacation, Cynthia Braaten will carry on the responsibilities of the office until his return at which time he will resume the office of the Treasurer and the responsibilities of that office. In case that Ed cannot fulfill his office, there are two members, Diane Allen and Tami Hamel, who have offered to step up to the task if need be.*

One Board of Directors seat was needed and a motion was made to have Mary Hall fill that seat. It was seconded and with a unanimous vote by the members present and the absentee ballots accepted, Mary Hall became our new BOD member.

Demi Lakatsis, one of our BOD, undergoing cancer treatments, will be having tests done at Dana Farber.

David Stumpo, another of our BOD, undergoing cancer treatments, will be having treatments at Backus Hospital.

At 6:51, Vivian Kahuda made a motion to close the elections. It was seconded by Barbara Gleason and the elections were closed.

Discussions on New Business:

Cindy Braaten reminded everyone the Gold Pages are looking for paintings from local artists for the Willimantic and Killingly areas. She brought in business cards with contact information for anyone interested. People were glad to know this is something done yearly so members can be better prepared to offer artwork in the future. The deadline for this year is about a week from now. Cindy Braaten will inquire as to when the deadline generally is every year. Jackie Lucier said she showed them about five paintings of the Burlingam Farms.

Tom Menard still hadn't gotten the information for the Relay for Life auction. They'd been looking for donations of artwork but his latest conversation with the woman he was in contact with got cut short unexpectedly. As of the meeting, everything was up-in-the-air.

Cindy B. spent about a month getting all of the guild's paperwork, files and old minutes in order so if someone had to take over unexpectedly, there would be no confusion on what was there and where it is.

Cindy Braaten has been calling old members to get them to re-join and has had quite a bit of success in increasing the membership this way. Lynita Shimizu is back and Thomas Menard is back. The list is up to about 40 members now.

Vivian K. updated us on the QVCC show: Paintings will be accepted on Thursday, 7/17/08 from 9:00-5:00. They will be hung on Friday, 7/18/08. The show will run from Monday, 7/21/08 thru 8/14/08. The reception will be on Thursday, 7/24/08 from 6:00-7:30pm. It will strike on 8/15/08. Three paintings will be accepted per person and the Title, Medium, & Price will need to be given to QVCC one month prior to the show for insurance purposes.

An update on the Vanilla Bean show by Mary Hall: Drop off 5/27 (Tues.) after 3:00pm. Strike on 6/30 after 3:00pm. There will be no reception and it is limited to two paintings per person.

Mary Hall mentioned the Audubon Society is looking for some pieces to be shown and she will look into it further.

Taylor Winery was also interested but the timing conflicts with shows already set up and will not work for our group.

Cindy Braaten informed the group Rebecca Montgomery has a show at the Thompson Library and thought she'd be glad to see that people from the guild went to it.

Tami Hamel has three paintings scheduled to go into the Thompson Library on 3/30/08. The reception will be on 4/9/08 from 6:00-8:00pm.

Cindy Braaten brought up she's been looking into using "American Towns" as an advertising avenue. It is a free service on the web where meetings and other events can be listed.

Our non-profit status has been reinstated after phone conversations and the completion of paperwork done for the IRS and the Secretary of State of Ct.

There was an addition to the by-laws on suspension of a member or members for just cause, in order to prevent any undermining of the guild or any of its members.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:50. It was seconded and the meeting came to an end.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Anderson

Recording Secretary