

Membership Meeting Minutes 10-12-20

Meeting was called to order by Mike Lewis at 6:35
11 members were in attendance. 6 were board members. 1 was giving the meeting's program. Jamie Lyon, a Summit Art member and founder of InJoy Led a demonstration of inspirational artwork in which everyone attending the meeting could take part.

Board Report:

Mike Lewis reported that Summit Art has been invited to exhibit at the Kansas City Water Garden Society's open houses next year. We have also responded to an invitation for a group show at the Gamber Center in Lee's Summit. Wanda Tyner reported she is also applying to a number of shows the group can participate in, including upcoming shows at city hall.

Teddy Jackson reported that John Shehane has developed a three point plan to begin fundraising on behalf of Summit Art. Initially John will focus on generating monthly giving among donors; targeting foundations which fund art organizations, and getting sponsors for upcoming events.

Wanda and Mike expressed the need for members to take over vacant committee positions and/or think of ways they could help the organization as we continue to grow and develop.

Director's report:

Jody reported that a committee of the Lees Summit City council had approved our request for \$13,606 in Covid relief funds. The full city council votes on the request on Oct. 13.

The money covers our losses due to the cancellation of our art festival, the closing of the St. Luke's east gallery, and the cancellation of various classes and workshops. We will also get money to do more things on line, through remote technology, including the purchase of "Eventeny", which will eventually allow us to have art sales through our web site.

Gallery Report:

Barb reported that while the lower floor of the hospital is open to artists who may want to change out art, the upper floors are not. She also reported that construction in the hospital has reduced foot traffic near the "featured artist" area of the hospital's corridors.

Jury Report:

Barb also reported that a new online Jury application process is underway, including a \$10 non refundable fee. The next Jury session is in November.

Development Committee

Jody reported that a monthly auto-giving drive will launch in November, with the hope of getting donors to support us through monthly contributions which in turn will allow for better planning.

Other news:

Jody discussed our participation in the Lee's Summit arts and culture week, which will include videos promoting Summit Art artists and the St. Lukes East Gallery, and a Plein Air event for photographers and painters.

It was also mentioned that Summit Art has established a YouTube channel as another avenue to display member artwork. Members are encouraged to subscribe.

Events:

Sharon Wagner discussed the April Plein Air event scheduled for April 10 & 11 of next year. Depending on the Covid situation, the program may include a dinner and award ceremony.

Brian Compton is the featured artist of the month at the St. Luke's gallery. We have started a "virtual artist of the month" section on our website. Please send images, along with an artist's statement and any links to your website to us to participate! Michele Koch is our first virtual artist.

The fine art forum will be held the first Saturday in November (Nov. 7) from 10-12.

Photographers and friends will meet this month, on October 22nd.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45.