

Paletteers Board Meeting Notes

Sept. 13, 2016

Attendance: Clara, Jan, Dee, Melinde, Bob

Idea for Christmas Party 2016: this idea came from Clara and Jan. They suggest a brunch at the Steak House on the Barre Montpelier Rd on Sunday Dec. 4th. It would take place between 11:30 and 1:30. Individuals who attend would pay for their own buffet, drinks, etc. We could use the banquet room in the back. This would be a relatively affordable option and would not require money upfront. A daytime event would make driving easier.

Preliminary discussion of card making based upon photos taken by Dee at the recent Saturday gathering Sept. 10. There are 44 pieces that would need some work. The photos are very dark. The setup fee is \$5 per item at Copy World, but once the photos are in their system ordering individual cards would be approximately \$1.00 not including envelopes. We would like to have some text on the back of the card to be determined later. We would like to have the cards printed on bright white paper.

Treasurer's informal report: We are approximately \$200 in the hole for the year (\$186.72).

Given the current situation of a deficit in our funds, we decided to not pursue the Copy World card option at this time but rather explore ways we can work on the photos through programs such as Photoshop. Dee has volunteered to look into this.

Are there other ways to save or make money for the club? Here are some ideas:

Issuing certificates instead of expensive ribbons at the annual show.

Issuing the cheaper single strand ribbons.

Using an embossing stamp rather than printing to put info on the back of cards.

Offering to get the Milne Rm rug cleaned in lieu of half of the \$600 we give the library annually.

(Carl Miller may be able to provide a rug cleaning machine to facilitate this.)

Inform the members of the budget issues by sending the budget out by email to the club.

Card-Making continued: Having cards available for sale on the website: The board is enthusiastic about photographing our work at shows to document the work and provide images for having cards made of member work. These cards could be sold on the website and possibly to group in assortments to raise money locally. We also discussed having retired Bob from Bob's Camera donate some time taking photos of our work at an upcoming show. We may be doing our own cutting, folding etc., an opportunity to get together with other Paletteers for a future fund raising workshop around card making.

Upcoming events:

Saturday Sept. 17th from 10-1pm. **A Plein Aire Paint Out** (or indoor /Milne Rm in case of rain.) Meet at the library at 10am to participate. An earlier notice said meet at the park, where we met John Weaver and followed him up to East Barre. 5 members took part in this event in which we set up easels at the Millstone Quarry and painted for two hours. It was a gorgeous day.

Fall Show: Registration is Friday Oct. 7 from 3-5pm, Saturday Oct. 8 from 10-noon includes hanging the work. The Fall Show Reception and Membership Meeting will be on Tuesday Oct. 11th from 5:30-7pm in the Milne Room. We would like members to provide finger foods only as refreshments. We may set up small café style tables instead of the long work tables and have foods on a side buffet. Members are encouraged to bring in **miniature pieces of artwork to show** if they have them available at home or have experimented in this medium. At this meeting we will be discussing: themes for the upcoming winter and spring shows, how we can incorporate the theme of Still Lifes into a program, the possibility of Bev Shevis doing a workshop on enameling, possible other presenters, (still life) workshops on Fridays in the winter, possibly having a Round Table discussion on a topic in 2017.

November Board Meeting will be Tuesday Nov. 8th time and place to be determined.

The December Member Meeting will be on Dec. 4th. This coincides with the Christmas Party on Sunday Dec. 4th at the Steak House at 11:30 am. A Christmas gift exchange will take place. If you want to participate bring a gift. Home-made gifts are preferred.

Fall 2017 we will be scheduled to have a show of Paletteers' work at the Wood Gallery! Keep this in mind for next September! We also hope to host a round table discussion in 2017.

Respectfully submitted, Melinde Kantor, Secretary/Publicist