

## Paletteers Board Meeting 11-14-16

Attendance: Dee Miller, Bob Murphy, Jan Avery, Sharon Carcoba, Melinde Kantor

**Finances:** Bob gave an informal discussion of the club finances. We are running a little behind, but with dues coming in for the New Year finances should be stable. Bob suggested that we bring the amount of the 2017 dues up to the membership at the annual holiday meeting in December. The options would be to either have the dues stay at \$15/year or increase it to \$20 in order to start saving for replacement display panels for the Collector's Corner. All agreed the new hanging systems are excellent – a time saver.

**Scholarship:** With regards to the scholarship there is no interest in reducing that amount at this time. Generally the donations cover the cost of the scholarship (\$1000) given yearly to a deserving student. Melinde suggested having the notices to schools accompanied by a poster to draw attention to the award. Members noted that Clara has calligraphy skills. We would be tapping the membership to make the poster for John to distribute with letters to schools. No one could remember when the notices go out!

**Themes:** More ideas for themes will be solicited from the membership before the annual meeting. Ideas that came up at a recent meeting included: food: weather; atmosphere; still-lives; self-portraits, pets, windows, bottles, hats (“Hats off to you!”). Bob had an interesting suggestion for a future theme: “Pictures at an Exhibition,” which is a piece of music by Moussogorky. The idea here is that an art show itself could be related to the theme, or pictures at the Hermitage, Russian artwork and culture. Dee is going to research buying some nesting dolls (blanks) that could be painted as miniatures by interested Paletteers. Russian folktales or folktales in general could also be a theme or sub-theme for the Moussogorky theme. This idea met with much interest and discussion. Dee will look into CVH as a possible venue for this themed show.

**December Membership Meeting/Christmas Party: Members will need to notify the board if they are coming to the December membership meeting at 11:30 am - 1:30 pm on Sun. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at the Steak House in Berlin. Watch for a notice about this noon dining event/Christmas party, so that you can respond about attending! We need to know attendance one week ahead.**

**Fundraising:** The continuing concept of fundraising generated some new ideas:

- (1) Selling individual cards at a show to benefit the club
- (2) Selling unframed art at a show with a portion going to the club and the artist
- (3) Donating a painting in the Collector's Corner to benefit the club
- (4) Having art items on the wall of the Milne Rm by the parking lot as a silent auction (summer show or other)

**Re-showing work:** Sharon brought up the inconvenience to artists of showing many works at the summer show and then not having an opportunity to show them again. We agreed that if there is a winter show, members would be able to show work previously shown.

**Summer Show 2017:** We may have artists submit 2 instead of 3 large pieces for the summer show, but have them up longer on the walls (library calendar permitting) once the free standing panels are taken down. This would lengthen the time new summer art pieces are on exhibit. The board is inclined to have ribbons on winning entries but reused the next year to save money. Instead, artists would be taking home a small certificate honoring them that could go onto the back of the painting. We plan to have a way to exhibit unframed work to benefit members and the club. Preliminary discussion took place on having a silent auction fundraiser at the summer show. Artists would set the minimum bid for items.

**Fall 2017:** We are on the Wood Art Gallery calendar for a show next Fall. We do not have specific dates yet for this and other shows at the Milne in 2017.

Do we need a Facebook page? This is something to discuss with members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melinde Kantor, Sec.