

WILBRAHAM ART LEAGUE Meeting Minutes January 12, 2010

Vice-President Caryl MacLeod called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., as President Frank Tencza was not present.

Secretary's Minutes – The reading of the November 10, 2009 meeting minutes was waived.

Treasurer's Report – It was reported that WAL has \$1,721.79 in the bank.

Donations Coordinator – John Robertson said that a pottery dish donated by Jerry Wilson would be auctioned off this evening. It is valued at \$55. Ann Carver held the winning ticket.

Programs – Joyce Emerle reported that Barbara Cohen will do a pastel demonstration tonight. The programs for the remainder of the year are as follows:

- February – John Robertson will model
- March – Debbie Padden, oil
- April – Doug Gillette, oil and silver point
- May – Fran Selva, baskets
- June – critique

Membership – Ann Carver reported that WAL has 61 members. Mary Massidda has moved and thus dropped her membership. Jennifer Kinder, not present, was welcomed as a new member.

Hospitality – Caryl MacLeod thanked John and Judy for the food offering at the break. June is the only month with openings for volunteers.

Plein Air – Caryl MacLeod announced for Sue Tosh that it would start up again in the spring.

Communications and Website – Lucy Peltier advised the membership that in lieu of a newsletter, a new page is mailed at the beginning of each month to those who do not have e-mail. The information is taken off the website. She also encouraged the membership to read the website. Please send general mail to Lucy, so that she can disburse it to the membership.

Publicity – Joyce Emerle will distribute posters to members for the **Duet Show** at the Library. She will contact Frank Tencza to see whether postcards should be mailed announcing this event. She asked the membership to contact their friends, etc. by e-mail to let them know about the show. Lucy volunteered to prepare an e-mail that can be used for this purpose. Angela Egerton explained that the Duet Show pairs two artists around the same subject from their own perspective. Sign-ups were made available for participation, hanging, reception donations of food, and clean-up. The dates of the show are February 1 (drop off -12:00 to 1:00 p.m. and hanging – 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.) to February 27 (pick up 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.). The reception is February 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Members do not have to be a "Friend of the Library" to participate.

Dane Gallery Show – This is held at the Indian Orchard Mills with the drop-off on February 17 at noon. The show is open on Saturdays from February 20 (date of reception) until March 13, from noon until 4:00 p.m. It was asked that each participant bring 3 paintings. Angela needs information so that she can prepare the calligraphy labels. Sign-ups were made available for volunteers to bring reception food items and to man the exhibit for two-hour shifts.

Friends of the Library Show – Kris Crimmins explained that to participate in this show, members must be a "Friend of the Library" in Wilbraham. Membership can be obtained the day that entries are dropped off. The drop-off dates are February 19 to 24. Hanging is March 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The reception is

March 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The take-down date is March 31, from noon to 4:00 p.m. Appropriate sign-up sheets were made available.

Exhibit Opportunities –

Kris Crimmins reminded everyone that the Brooks Room is available for month-long displays. Presently, July, November, and December are available. Also, the glass cases in the foyer are available for display.

The **Baystate Hospital show** will be in November this year.

The Bank of America in Wilbraham center will display the work of one person for a week. This is only open to the bank's patrons. An easel must be provided, and a table is available for cards and perhaps a small painting.

Signs – Sherri Montagna stated that WAL presently does not have permanent signs for the various shows. She asked for volunteers to help her print off the information for signs.

Community Liaison – Kris Crimmins stated that at the budget meeting, a discussion was held regarding the cost of \$300 a year for a telephone line. She receives one or two calls a month. Kris mentioned that the WAL phone linked to her house was used to tie into a collection agency. This took some time to clear up. She did agree to try out a link on the WAL website that would connect to her personal phone line. Kris's telephone would also be used as a contact in any newspaper articles.

Caryl reminded all that Social Art will meet at the Senior Center tomorrow, Wednesday, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The evening's program included a demonstration by Barbara Cohen, a pastel artist.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Selva, Secretary