Docent Advisory Board

New Orleans Museum of Art

September 18, 2017

Present:

DAB Chair: Naomi Kornman

Chair Elect: Cheryl Kain

Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Carmen Leerstang

Recording Secretary: Peggy Patterson

Wednesday Day Captain: Mary Beth Gulotta

Thursday Day Captain: Pat Jackson

Adult Docent Representative: Pat Loughran

Member at Large: Joanna Giorlando

Parliamentarian: Melissa Fanning

Apprentice Representative: Connie Traub

Joy Mancuso

Mary Lynne Stumpf

Tracy Kennan, Curator of Education

Special Invited Guest:

The Chair introduced Margaux Krane, Communications and Marketing Manager for NOMA, who solicited ideas for targeting potential visitor markets. A brainstorming session followed, with many diverse suggestions.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 12:55 p.m.

Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting on April 24 were accepted.

Treasurer and Sunshine Report:

Carmen reported that Get Well cards were sent in August to Sylvia Otto,

Wanda Payne, and Kim Hypolite.

Touring:

Inasmuch as school group touring has not yet begun, the Day Captains had nothing to report.

Apprentice Docents:

Connie reports that she is awaiting a list of apprentice docents from Tracy. Any issues or concerns will be handled to protect the apprentice docent’s anonymity. She recommends each mentor be assigned two apprentice docents. The Board acclaimed this as a good idea.

New Business:

Tracy reported the following:

1. Apprentice docents will start shadowing in October.

2. New tour times for adults and students.

3. Misunderstanding re free drinks on Friday nights (there are none).

Pat L. addressed study groups for adult docents, which will assist in resolving any insecurities and help them organize themes.

Naomi raised the question of whether Members at Large should have specific duties. No consensus was reached.

Naomi suggested the Board invite another visitor to our next meeting, which will be on November 13.

Docent Outings:

Reminder of the visit to HNOC on September 28 to view the Storyville and Laura Simon Norton exhibits, followed by lunch at Napoleon House.

Pat J. suggested we revisit the studio of Thomas Bruno, perhaps in November.

Also suggested were visits to the James Mounger private collection (December) and Kim Trampoline studio.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Above minutes submitted by Peggy Patterson, Recording Secretary