Docent Advisory Board

New Orleans Museum of Art

January 29, 2018

Present:

DAB Chair: Naomi Kornman

Chair Elect: Cheryl Kain

Recording Secretary: Peggy Patterson

Wednesday Day Captain: Mary Beth Gulotta

Thursday Day Captain: Pat Jackson

Adult Docent Representative: Pat Loughran

Recent Past Chair: Cynthia Kolb

Apprentice Representative: Connie Traub

Parliamentarian: Mike Boudreaux

Member at Large: Michelle D’Amour

Member at Large: Joanna Giorlando

Visitor: Maureen O’Dwyer

Visitor: Joy Mancuso

Curator of Education: Tracy Kennan

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m.

Special Invited Guest: Erin Greenwald, Curator of Programs, gave an overview of her job and asked for our help with ideas for revamping public programs. Some current ideas include ‘Pop-up’ tours of 10-15 minutes for a single object or group of objects that are popular, such as Marie Antoinette, Winter in Giverney. Erin can best be reached at her email address: egreenwald@noma.org.

Welcome to Board: Mike Boudreaux was welcomed as our new Parliamentarian.

Treasurer/Sunshine Report: Cheryl reported for Carmen (not present) that the Fund has a total of $345, which includes $65 collected in December. “Thinking of You” cards have been sent to Mary Lynne Stumpf and Pat Jackson. Discussion and vote to show appreciation for departing Youth & Family Programs Manager Elise Solomon. We plan to surprise her with a $50 Amazon gift card at our Feb. 19 meeting.

Day Captains:

Mary Beth reported that Wednesday tours are just beginning this week.

Pat J. had some Thursday tours “frozen out” and asked for more discussion of the new 4 touring-times schedule.

Cheryl reported for Barbara (not present) that one very large Friday tour was cancelled and later rescheduled. There are enough docents to cover.

Adult Docent Representative:

Pat L. reported good turnout for the Study Groups and is considering having two more, one in February for Black History Month and one in March for Women’s History Month. Tracy suggested the library as a meeting place. These sessions are open to all.

Apprentice Representative:

Connie is planning another email to the new docents. The Board re-affirmed the importance of her role, even with the mentoring program. Tracy reported that four apprentices have dropped out.

Docent Sparks:

Cheryl is planning a new feature, “Funny Things That Happened On Tours” and is soliciting input from all.

Follow Ups:

Holiday Cookie Party – Tracy reported she still has cookie tins for retrieval.

Outings and Events:

Spring Party – will skip this year.

Tim Trapolim – will schedule for March 5 following training, 2 p.m. ish.

James Mounger – need to check with Sharon re availability.

New Business:

Motion made by Pat J. and seconded by Cheryl to establish formal guidelines for the mentor program. Committee comprised of Pat J. (Chair), Cynthia, Connie, Maureen, Cheryl, Joanna, and Michelle to meet following next DAB meeting on Feb. 19.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Above minutes submitted by Peggy Patterson, Recording Secretary.