Minutes

Docent Advisory Board

September. 24, 2018

Attendance:

Naomi Kornman

Michelle D’Amour

Cheryl Kain

Carmen Leerstang

Joy Mancuso

Maureen O’Dwyer

Diane Finely

Cynthia Kolb

Pat Loughran

Kim Howell

Connie Traub

Harvey Orth

Bertha Deffes

Marie Orth

Marilyn Kopan

Dianne Chesson

Kim Hypolite

Mike Boudreaux

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 PM.

Cheryl introduced and welcomed members of the Board to the new year.

Minutes of April 30, 2018 were read by Michelle D’Amour. Joy moved the minutes be accepted. Mike seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report:

Joy reported that last year gifts were given to Allison Reid and Elise Solomon.

Cards have been sent to Darlene Martin, Gay Gladhart, Cynthia Kolb, Pat Jackson.

Ann Duffy has been recognized by St. Elizabeth’s Guild as a Volunteer Activist.

We will be collecting five dollars, $5.00 from Docents for Sunshine beginning next week.

Day Captains:

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday have tours scheduled for the beginning of the year. Tracy will be contacting the Captains with their participating docents.

Connie Traub reported that the docents are already volunteering and are eager to tour.

Adult Rep:

Cynthia reported that the adults have been touring successfully all summer.

Mimi Masters Rep:

Kim stated that Chantell has met with the teachers and schedules are ready for the fall.

Docent Art Sparks:

Naomi encouraged everyone to contribute any ideas for articles to Wanda, editor of the Docent Art Sparks, for upcoming issues.

Marilyn Kopan suggested articles on trips docents have and are planning to museums in the U.S.

New Business:

By Laws:

Mike presented the changes that were made over the summer to the By-Laws.

Joy moved the Board vote by email on the changes.

Carmen seconded the motion.

Changes that are accepted will then be presented to the Docents for approval.

Study Groups:

Cynthia and Pat announced that the day for the Research Study Group is now the second Monday after training. Notices will be placed in the Docent Station and in Tracy’s Docent News. The next meeting will review the Mayan collection and begin to focus on the Orleans Collection.

Marilyn said that, as a new docent, the openness and the variety of the study group have been invaluable.

Carmen suggested, and all agreed, that the P.I.E. topic Bare-Naked People be moved to November so docents could discuss touring the nudity in the Orleans Collection. The November topic would be moved to January.

The first P.I.E. will be October 23, SpecialTopics: STEM, Ecology and Architecture.

Small Talks:

Tracy is ready to schedule Small Talks for November and December. She may add extra talks to the schedule during the holidays.

Cheryl said Small Talks were wonderful opportunities to shadow other Docents.

Docent Outings:

Maureen and Diane and the Board compiled a list of suggestions for outings for the year:

Crystal Bridges

George Ohr Museum and Walter Anderson Pottery

Empire Exhibit at Newcomb Museum

HNOC: Influence of Spain in New Orleans

Hudson River Valley, Houston, Dallas

Rau Antiques

Laura Plantation

St Francisville: Oakly Plantation and Audubon Museum

Ogden Museum

Angola Rodeo and Art Exhibit/Sale

Suggestions from the Docents:

Send minutes to the Docents

Invite curators to meetings and lectures to explain how exhibits are prepared

Many art works in the galleries are lacking labels

Sign in sheet moved to the first floor

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.