Minutes

Docent Advisory Board

November 26, 2018

Attendance:

Joy Mancuso

Carmen Leerstang

Diane Finely

Maureen O’Dwyer

Mike Boudreaux

Harvey Orth

Joanna Giorlando

Michelle D’Amour

Kim Hypolite

Tracy Kenan

Cynthia Kolb

The meeting was called to order by Michelle D’Amour.

The minutes of October 22, 2018, were read and approved as corrected.

Reports:

Treasurer’s Report: Joy Mancuso reported an addition of $20.00 to the Sunshine Fund, which increased the total to $210.00.

A card was sent to Wanda Payne. A request was made to purchase a gift for Ron Bechet. Tracy approved the request.

Day Captains:

Wednesday: Connie Traub sent word that she continues to be pleased with the cooperation of the Wednesday Docents.

Thursday: Michelle D’Amour reported that tours are going smoothly.

Friday: no report

Adult Tour Representative: Cynthia Kolb reported no issues.

Mini Masters: Kim Hypolite stated that we have 14 Mini Masters Docents and she stated that we have a 10:15 tours on Wednesdays to accommodate the schools’ schedules for bell time and breakfasts. Wednesday Docents have a full schedule that day and are unable to fill in. We have a need for additional Docents to tour the Minis.

Apprentice Docent Representative: Harvey Orth asked for two examples of what the DAB actually does for his group. This generated much discussion. The Apprentice Rep is the liaison between the Docents and the staff to help the Docents with any difficulties in touring.

Docent Art Sparks: Mary Schumann and Wanda Payne have completed editing the next edition. It should be ready for a December issue. We welcome new articles.

Docent Initiatives:

P.I.E. Study Group: Carmen reported that 22 people attended the discussion Harvey Orth led on STEM. It was excellent. The next P.I.E. is November 27 2018, on Bare Naked People, Touring Nudity.

Research Study Group: Carmen reported that 15 Docents attended the Decorative Arts discussion. The discussion included the importance of glassmaking in design.

Docent Outings:

Maureen O’Dwyer and Diane Finely reminded †he Board of the upcoming outing to Newcomb on November 29, 2018. Other events listed on the calendar are a visit to Ron Bechet’s studio January21st, Studio Inferno February 18th, and the Walter Anderson Museum June 18th.

New Business:

Arty Party: the party is scheduled for April 5th. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

Suggestions:

Maureen wanted more help in learning the pronunciation of artists’ names. Tracy agreed to point this out to Curators.

A proposal was made to extend the mentoring period for new Docents to two years. Harvey said he would poll his apprentices to get their opinions. It was suggested that apprentices be reminded that they should always be encouraged to shadow other tours.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Joy Mancuso

Acting Recording Secretary

The next meeting TBA.