

MANCHESTER ART ASSOCIATION
MEMBER MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
(via ZOOM)

President Masse opened the meeting at 7:05 welcoming the members on a snowy early winter evening. 22 members were present.

Minutes: Sue asked for an approval of the November minutes as presented online; C. Emerson moved to accept, E. Beckwith seconded. So approved.

Treasurer's report: Sue reported for Eric that we have a little over \$15,000 on hand with some current holiday activity outstanding.

Membership: Deb Parker reported to date we have 82 active members: 68 renewals, 9 new and 5 honorary.

Workshops: Emilie Beckwith reported the Jane Penfield pastel workshop is full, however one or two more could be accepted if they are higher level students. Carolyn Emerson questioned having non-participating people 'audit' the class at a reduced rate. After discussion, Emilie agreed to approach Ms. Penfield with the suggestion. A fee of half-price would be charged for those who would like to participate in this manner.

Demonstrations: The demonstration by Jan McCullum for this evening was postponed due to weather. (The technical team didn't have a big enough sleigh to get to Tolland and back). Jan will do his presentation in April for us.

January will be Jane Penfield, pastel; February, Poly Castor, abstract slide show; March, Amy Brnger, oil/acrylic.

Exhibits: Judy and Chris announced that the South Windsor Library as been booked for September 2021 for the annual members' show.

The current virtual exhibit will be extended several weeks to put us on a 10 week schedule to give more time to create new artwork. Notice of a mid-January change date and registration will be coming soon. A theme suggestion will be welcomed from members for these on-line shows. Suggested this evening: "New Beginnings", "Love" and "Babies". We'll keep you posted. Meantime, please continue to send in Time for Art pieces.

Updates: Jeff Reid noted we still have greeting cards available for sale, 4 lovely cards with blank inside, for \$8. These can be ordered through the MAA email.

Jeff then reported the Board of Directors approved a gift of \$500 to the MACC Food Bank in Manchester. This will replace the food items donated at our Holiday function which could not be held this year.

Jeff spoke of online classes by Eric Rhoades and other artists available through Youtube and other services. Chris noted that Cheney Artists have drawing classes available. For these, contact Trudy Mitchell to obtain information.

A presentation of wonderful current member activities followed.

Happy holidays everyone.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Burnham, Secretary