San Antonio Art League Museum General Membership Meeting

March 24, 2019

President Lyn Belisle Kurtin called the meeting to order at 3:04 with 32 in attendance.

Minutes from the January 13, 2019 meeting were read silently and approved following a motion by Pam Ferguson, seconded by Linda Keen.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Linda Keen reported that SAALM’s financial position looks very good at this time, with substantial accumulations in both the Money Market and Checking accounts, thanks to donations, sales, and the Eidelberg bequest.

**President’s Report**: Lyn updated the group about the planned Mid-Century Modern exhibit from the permanent collection and thanked the committee members (Yvonne Kylstra, Nancy Kempf, Vikki Fields) for the hard work in planning the show.

Lyn called everyone’s attention to the newly-installed fence sculpture by James Hendricks in the sculpture garden. This was completed with funds from the King William Assn. grant.

Lyn also mentioned the collaborative exhibition with the Witte Museum: ‘Spirit of Texas’ honoring the Davis Competitions held during the late 1920s. A juried exhibit will be held with prizes matching those given in the 1920s.

Lyn reminded everyone to view the current Member’s Gallery exhibit which will close April 1st.

**Executive Director’s Report:** Bill Kurtin reported on the recent meeting he and Lyn had with Victoria Garcia, the program director for the grant from the city’s Department of Arts and Culture. One of the goals was to increase collaboration with other arts organizations. Recent collaborations have been established with SAMM Ministeries (Empty Bowls), Voices de la Luna, Delts Kappa Gamma, and the Boerne Library Historical Association.

Work is continuing to develop plans for closing in the carport to house our collection of paintings. The firm of Harry Jewett & Associates has been engaged to assist with development. A final plan will be brought to the Board of Directors.

**Third Vice-President, Artist of the Year 2020**: Billy Keen announced that the committee has received nominations of 14 outstanding artists for AOY 2020. The committee is currently in the process of receiving resumes and portfolios for the nominees.

**Fourth Vice President, Artist Exhibition**: Francis Huang reported that there will be 68 pieces in the exhibit. Next year only digital entries will be accepted, and workshops will be provided to assist artists with the entry process. Francis thanked our excellent juror is Stephanie Knappe.

**Public Relations**: Nancy Kempf commented on the quality of the mid-century modern paintings in the collection, and what excitement the committee felt in reviewing this part of the art collection.

New Business: Helen Fey, chair of the Nominating Committee, submitted the flowing slate of officers for 2019-20:

**Office Name**

President Lyn Belisle Kurtin

VP Membership Dona Walston

VP Art Patron Mike Belisle

VP Artist of the Year 2020-21 Kathleen Garrison

VP Artist Exhibition Sonja Heldt-Harris

VP Hospitality Frankie Boone

Secretary Bill Harrris

Treasurer Linda Keen

Lyn called for nominations from the floor, receiving none. Nancy Kempf moved to accept the slate of nominations by accalamation, seconded by Billy Keen. The motion was approved unanimously. Lyn thanked Helen and the committee for their outstanding work.

**Announcements**: Lynn Maverick Denzer reported that the Celebration Circle altar exhibit had been moved to Blue Star and would be available for viewing only on Wednesday, March 27.

The business meeting was adjourned at 3:30PM, followed by a presentation by guest artist Ansen Seale titled “It’s About Time”.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Kurtin (for Dona LeCrone Walston, Secretary)