

## OPAL meeting minutes

Thursday March 3, 2022 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Held at Co-Hatch Worthington – The Hardware Store 659 High St. Worthington, OH

Members attending – 17

Officers present – Pam Hartford, President – Nina Hawranick, 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Diane Ruck, Past President Mary Bauer, Treasurer – Lynn Carty, Recording Secretary

President, Pam Hartford presided over the meeting.

Pam announced changes in the OPAL board members and new chairperson positions adopted by the board at the March 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting.

- **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (formerly Vice President) Nina Hawranick.** This position is in charge of the Member Fall Exhibition (locating venue, in charge of take in, hanging, take down and coordinating with the newly created Show Exhibition Chair for prizes, judge, and advertising if warranted).
- **Corresponding Secretary.** This position will create a monthly OPAL newsletter that includes monthly meeting minutes, newsworthy items from members regarding exhibits, programs, upcoming meetings, etc. Corresponding Secretary will distribute newsletter to members via e-mail and send to the Website Coordinator for posting on OPAL website. Items for the newsletter will be due to the secretary by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and will be distributed by the secretary to members on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. **This position is being filled by new member Mayme Hausman.**
- **Recording Secretary (formerly Secretary).** This position records minutes for Board Meetings and monthly Member Meetings. Provides minutes to the President for approval, provides approved Board minutes to Board Members and approved meeting minutes to Corresponding Secretary for inclusion in the Newsletter. **This position is being filled by Lynn Carty** former co-secretary with Diane Ruck.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.** Position open as of end of meeting.

### New Chair positions:

- **New Member Chair.** Welcomes new members via e-mail and navigates them through the offerings of OPAL. **This position is being filled by Nina Hawranick** as well as her 1<sup>st</sup> VP duties.
- **Meeting Program Chair.** Determines and books demonstrations, speakers and venue for monthly meetings. **This is being filled by Diane Ruck,** formerly co-secretary.
- **Workshop Chair.** Contacts regional and national artists for two OPAL workshops per year. Workshop has already been scheduled by Diane Ruck for Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> via video at a Delaware Co-Hatch location with Jacob Agular. **Pertain Gillespie-Buckland was nominated for and accepted this position.**
- **Show Exhibition Chair.** Works with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents to coordinate Spring and Fall OPAL shows by providing judges, prizes, advertising. Finds venues, advertises as necessary, works with volunteer committee members to help with intake, hanging and pickup, and works with Refreshment Chair, for all other member exhibits. **Bob Sako has accepted this position.**
- **Refreshment Chair.** Develops and maintains refreshment list to present at meetings for volunteer sign up to bring beverages and snacks to meetings and exhibits. Contacts volunteers

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with reminders prior to meetings via e-mail or phone. **Cathy Stoessner has accepted this position.**

### Other Business:

Venue has already been obtained for 2023 Spring Show at Gallery 22 in Delaware Ohio. OPAL will be there in May and June of 2023.

Venue has already been obtained for 2022 Fall Show at Westerville Community Center. Take in is September 22<sup>nd</sup>, each participant will bring 2-3 **NEW** pieces. Prizes will be awarded.

OPAL website Portfolio Page was discussed. Members are encouraged to participate in this free perk from OPAL. Send up to five pieces of your work and a short Bio to [ContacUs@ohiopastelartistsleague.org](mailto:ContacUs@ohiopastelartistsleague.org) free advertising for your work!

Member, Meredith Martin, owner of Sunbear Studios in Westerville announced the Uptown Westerville Art Hop on April 19, 2022 from 1:00-5:00. Participants will paint, display and sell their artwork in front of an Uptown Westerville business, as well as interact with the public. You can obtain information from Arts Council of Westerville website. Meredith is accepting paintings, photos or 3-D work in her studio of **sunflowers** beginning March 5th. Accepting framed or matted, put your price, name and contact info on the back. **25% of proceeds from sales will go to Americare to help refugees from Ukraine.**

Treasurer, Mary Bauer, announced 2022 OPAL dues will be increased to \$30.00 as of 3/3/2022. If you have already paid your dues you do not need to pay the extra \$5.00. OPAL has never increased dues but due to PayPal fees, website extra costs and workshops the increase is necessary. Mary encouraged us to mail dues to the PO Box vs PayPal because of fees, but you can still use PayPal if that is easier for you.

Meeting Program Chair, Diane Ruck, explained the Co-Hatch meeting venue. OPAL has all meetings for 2022 booked with Co-Hatch in different locations in Franklin and Delaware Counties. She was able to obtain a grant, as a non-profit, for the year. A savings to OPAL of \$1200.00. She announced our December meeting will be a potluck at one of the Co-Hatch locations.

Pam announced that OPAL will provide a \$100.00 prize money to a pastel artist for the fine arts exhibit at the Ohio State Fair this year.

Nina Hawranick provided snacks and beverage for this meeting.

Lynn Carty will provide snacks and beverage for April meeting.