

OPAL meeting minutes Thursday March 2, 2023  
Old Worthington Library 820 High St. Worthington, OH 43085

Members attending: 12

Board Members present: Pam Hartford President, Nina Hawranick 1st V.P., Chris Hall 2nd V.P., Mary Bauer Treasurer, Lynn Carty Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Thurs. Apr. 6th 6:00-8:30 PM at Daylight Artist's Collective 9 E. College Ave. Westerville, OH. 43081

Pam opened meeting at 6:00 PM

From Nina, nothing new on fall members show. All arrangements have been finalized. Information is available on the website.

From Chris, members spring show opens Friday May 5th at Gallery 22. That's a first Friday in Delaware and should provide a lot of foot traffic. Take in is May 2nd and 3rd from 6:00-8:00 PM. Contact an OPAL friend and arrange for them to take your pieces for you, if you can't make the take in times. If you don't have any friends  and all else fails, contact Chris!! Theme is "Hues of Imagination".

Artist's reception is Friday June 2nd 6:00-8:30 PM. Gallery 22 will provide a meat and cheese tray, participating artists will provide appetizers, desserts and beverages. Bob Sako has scheduled Vasiliev Nini as Juror for the show. He is a sculptor, painter and instructor at The Cultural Arts Center in Columbus. Take down is on June 25th. Take down times will be announced later.

Pertain announced that only six people have signed up for the Cris Ivers work shop in May. We need 10 more participants in order to break even.

The workshop information has been shared with other art groups but there's been no response. It will have to be cancelled or possibly changed to a different length of time and format, zoom maybe. Pertain will contact Chris regarding options.

Members present were asked to comment on why they thought there was low interest in the workshop. Comments were the cost, conflicting schedules, length of time ( 2 days ) too long, preference of zoom to in person, air travel inconsistencies and hotel booking and costs. All of this will be taken in to consideration when looking at workshops in the future. Thanks Pertain for all of your work on this.

Report from Mary on treasury. \$30 annual dues need to be paid asap. She has paid the OPAL annual membership to IAPS. This entitles all OPAL members to IAPS membership too. Mary will reimburse the provider of meeting refreshments \$25. She does not need your receipt. Just let her know how you want to be reimbursed. Mary also told us that the local Dick Blick store no longer sells individual soft pastel sticks. They stock some sets and still carry individual Nupastel sticks. You can order individual soft pastels at Blinks on line.

Nina announced we have a new member, Trisha Koran from Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Welcome to OPAL Trisha!

We are still asking for someone to step up and fill the New Member Chair position. Please contact Nina or Pam if you have an interest in helping your league.

Cathy Stoessner has provided hard copy reminders to members who have signed up for refreshments. She will still email or text you with a reminder a week before your chosen date.

Prior to the meeting today members who participated in the donated supplies auction picked up and paid for items they won. We made \$443. to add to treasury! Thanks Katie and everyone who participated.

Formal meeting adjourned and we moved on to our "paint around". Twelve members participated. Each of us had five minutes to add our piece to eleven paintings, plus put finishing touches on our own. This is always a fun evening. You can see the photos of finished paintings on the website. They are all excellent. Pam suggested we mat and enclose each painting in a cellophane envelope and sell them at the fall show to generate money for the treasury.

Today's refreshments were provided by Kathryn Smithson. Thank you!

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lynn Carty Recording Secretary 3/11/23