

September 2024 CAA Minutes

Our new president Paula Ortgiesen welcomed us all to the September meeting of the Chester Artists Association.

In attendance were two new members, Sandy Newman and Jean Fayhad. We are so happy to have you both!

Paula gave our newest members information on where to find restrooms and water at the center. She introduced the board members and their responsibilities. Marti Fann is our Vice President along with Jean Stagg. Gail Litton is our Treasurer. Gail Butler is our Secretary. Sandy Watts is in charge of Hospitality. Pat McNamara is our Crossroads liaison. Laurie McAleenan is our media executive. Judy Harris is our member representative.

Congratulations go out to Gail Litton, Kay Schuster, Sally Kennedy and Judy Harris for their recent sales!!

Paula and Sandy are showing at Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church and have both had sales there. Congratulations ladies! Their show ends on the 19th. Please visit if you can!

The First Unitarian show is October 23rd=27th. Marti regularly exhibits at this show and highly recommended the artists check it out. Once juried in artists are welcome back each year. If they wish to change the medium they work in, they may need to submit a new application.

Gail reported a balance of \$2100.00 in our account. Crossroads has been paid.

Sandy asked for volunteers to bring refreshments next month.

Pat reported there is 1 space left for an artist interested in exhibition at Crossroads. The space will be painted September 29th. She asked artists leaving the space to please pick up their work by the 28th. Artists exhibiting were asked to meet there on October 1st.

Laurie is in the process of creating a new website. She has put a lot of time and effort into giving us a site that is more user friendly. She will be sending out details when it is up and running. Artists will be asked to send her examples of their work, a head shot and a brief bio. We hope a better web presence will benefit us all.

Paula has spoken to Haig at The Crossings at Iornbridge. He is still interested in having us display there. Paula will be revisiting the space. As soon as he has procured the hardware needed we will move forward. It sounds like a wonderful opportunity!

The 43rd Street Festival and The Maker's Market are both this Saturday. Attend if you can!

Sandy spoke to the group about a new exhibition opportunity she has found. The Centralia Animal Hospital is open to us exhibiting in their space. They have a spay, neuter clinic for feral cats, usually held on a Sunday. We would hang our work on that day. 20% of the proceeds from sales would go to the clinic. Artists would be responsible for collection of money and must sign a waiver. The clinic representative asked that all work we present be animal oriented. They would prefer artists not bring work that is a still life or abstract. They also requested that no art with birds be presented. Sandy stated that their next clinic is the 22nd. The one following would be October 6th. More information on this opportunity will be forthcoming. Any artists interested in this opportunity, please contact Paula or Sandy.

If any artists need help with photographing their work so it can be posted on our Facebook page or website, they may bring it to the meeting and we will take a photo.

Sandy had beautiful signs made for us to hang at exhibitions.

Marti asked for program suggestions in regards to future meetings. Elaine Bankston will be our speaker next month. Gail Butler will lead a workshop in November. Our Christmas party will be in December. We will have a gift exchange then. Marti requested those interested in participating in the gift exchange bring an item that they made this year.

After a short break Heather gave us a talk on opportunities to help The Perkinson Center thrive. They need volunteers for docent, ushers and artful gatherings. Please consider helping this fabulous venue be its best!

Some of our members brought their work in to share with the group. Thank you for sharing the results of your efforts artists! All were beautiful!

Until next time, Happy Creating everyone!