

The Village Painters General Minutes  
March 23,2017

The general meeting of the Village Painters was held March23,2017. This was early for the April meeting in order to give us time to finalize details before our Spring Fling which will be held on April 1,2017. The meeting was opened by President Sheri Redd at 7:00 pm. In attendance were 46 Village Painters.

**Education:** Diane Stiller reported that Sam Farah's bird Learn to Paint class is filled. Those taking the Glenice Moore class need only to paint the entire canvas any orange. And should trace and apply the Giraffe pattern. Doreen McLain's wild roses and pansies class is a go. Space is available. Remember to pick up your pattern tonight. Diane presented her recommendations for 2018. She suggests Paint With Us be every other year instead of yearly. PWU would alternate with the Fall Retreat which also is every other year. She thinks one Learn to Paint per year is enough. ( Based on enrollment records) She stated that 5 or 6 Seminars per year plus 1 Big Brush seminar would be a good plan to follow.

Diane recommended that there be a co-chair for Education, someone to learn the position since 2018 will be her last year to head the Education Committee.

Diane showed 2 surfaces, a tree and a snowman, free standing pieces. She proposed a contest. Members are to submit what they think would be a good suggestion for either or both surfaces for the VPs to paint. The winners would get a free education class . Or maybe we could use as a free class for paying your dues in October. She is looking for suggestions.

She also wanted input from the members as to suggestions for a Big Brush for 2018. Beth Wagner? Chris Haughey? Shirley Koenig?

And finally, she reminded us of our June community service project (items for the VA Hospital.) The list was in the newsletter of items needed and sizes allowed.

Contributions will be collected in June ONLY.

**Spring Fling:** Gail Barton reported everything is good. Set up will be Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Loretta Heubler reported that all tickets have been paid for and there is 1 ticket available. (Sold by the end of the meeting) Paula Atkinson reported that we will have 25 baskets available for auction. Michelle Handley reported that boutique items can be dropped off April 1. Remember to write an items list. No pence will be given for items not sold. The Boutique will be open at 10:30. Cathy Uhring reported that there will be 21 pieces available for the silent auction.

**Treasurer:** Kathy Fisher presented the Financial Report for Jan to March 23 2017. Copy will be in the newsletter.

**Membership:** Michelle Handley reported that the directory will be emailed to the members. We have 88 paid members at this date. She reported that SDP is changing their enrollment date to the actual date of payment and therefore, there will be no late charge for enrolling after a cutoff date.

**Ways and Means:** Sandy Tyo and Darlene Greenwood held a special Raffle tonight. Three prizes were won- a pallet table, a basket, and art supplies. See the newsletter for pictures and names of the winners.

**President:** Sheri Redd presented the nomination board positions for the VP Board for 2018-2019. Joyce Kuzera made the board. Members were encouraged to consider sharing their time and talents to help our organization run efficiently .

Sheri also reported that Barb Reinholz, Char Wenzel, and she helped Peggy Mack's family process Peggy's art supplies. Her stash provided 3 baskets for the basket raffle for Spring Fling. Various items were available for members to take memento- supplies from Peggy at this meeting. There will be a pence raffle at the August meeting for 4 bags of stamping supplies from Peggy's stash , each bag valued at a minimum of \$50.00. Pence only for this raffle.

Sheri also recognized the members with March birthdays and anniversaries. Guests and visitors were welcomed.

She queried if there was any interest in an August trunk sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

The after meeting project was oval chip boxes decorated with paint, beads, flowers, and cutouts prepared by Sheri Redd and Pam Hynar.

Respectfully Submitted by Joan Mueller, Secretary