

FTLOA MEETING December 13, 2011

President Doris Barrick called the meeting to order. Members agreed it is not necessary to read last meeting's minutes since everyone receives a copy via e-mail and it is available at the club website. There were no changes to last month's minutes. Tony gave the treasurer's report and read payments of \$123.00 for Winter Faire expenses and \$30 for flowers sent to Rebecca Bean.

Rebecca is gravely ill and Barbara reported that she sees Rebecca every week in an effort to help her finish a painting. In consideration of Rebecca's illness, Barbara asked the club to make long time member Rebecca Bean an honorary member of FTLOA. The motion was made, seconded and members gladly approved the motion.

OLD BUSINESS: Doris stated she has called and left messages in an effort to reach Karen at the Castle Rock Exhibit Hall concerning the planned 504 Art Trails event tentatively scheduled for the last week in June, 2012. There has been no response to the calls and no word on plans moving forward so it appears the event may not take place.

Kevlyn and Mona reported on the Winter Faire. They thanked Mary and Jeanette for their extra help and work to make the show a success. Kevlyn noted that Friday was much busier than Saturday both in foot traffic and vehicles in the area. There was some discussion of signage and the need for A-Frame sidewalk signage to be more bold and visible. There was thanks to Karen and Linda for making the A-frame signboards and donating them to the club and to Mona for the loan of the signboard her husband made. If there should be a future show at Fusion Tea, it should be noted that members need to bring lighting for certain areas. Fusion Tea threw the group a curve by putting up a Christmas tree so members had to adjust their set up plans. In the future, it would be good to ask whatever facility is hosting the club if there will be any unexpected changes in available floor space. Most members seemed happy with their sales. Other misc issues were discussed.

It was said that Teague's Interiors had invited FTLOA club to display on the third floor of their establishment. It was noted there is no elevator to the third floor nor does Teague's allow artists to display prints of their work, only originals. There did not seem to be any interest at this time.

Kris brought up the benefits of having a mailing list for future shows. This idea was brought up about a year ago but has not been acted upon. Members thought it was a good idea.

We, the members are to read the club's by-laws and constitution before the next meeting. Doris decided not to proceed with any changes at this time because very few were familiar with the documents. Some changes are needed and those changes are scheduled to be discussed and take place at the next regular club meeting.

It was suggested we have a calendar of meeting dates and events for next year such as the events calendar Jacques previously made for the website. I agreed to post that with as many dates as I have information for and update the calendar through e-mails and website as I get new data.

Planning meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Three River's Mall food court at 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise announced. The next planning meeting is scheduled for January 10th, 2012. All members are invited to attend all planning meetings.

Regular meetings are held at 5:00 p.m. the last Thursday of each month in the Three River's Mall food court unless otherwise announced. Please plan visiting before or after the meetings.

I (Terrie) talked about displaying at the Kelso and Longview public libraries. FTLOA club will display at the Kelso public library the month of March, 2012. I will get more exact information on set up as the time grows closer. We are limited to a six foot all glass display case with two shelves. The top shelf allows for items 12" high and 12" deep. The bottom shelf allows for items 15" deep and 15" high. However, an item 15" tall would be partly hidden by the upper shelf. We can also place items on top of the case but run the risk of breakage or theft. The actual case has a lock. I will make a sign to be placed on top of the case stating "showcase courtesy of For The Love of Art Club" with website contact info. I will also make uniform placards for each item on display with a space for the name of the item, the price and the artist's contact phone number. OUR ITEMS ARE FOR SALE. The library cannot sell for us. A prospective buyer needs to contact the artist and the artist makes arrangements to meet the buyer. Barbara and I had success with sales at the Longview library in this manner. Also, there will be room for each artist to set out business cards.

FTLOA will display at the Longview public library (Koth Gallery) March 28 through April 18, 2012.

Longview has a single shelf shallow display case but lots of wall space for hanging! I will make placards as needed for displays there as well. Exact set up and removal dates should be known by February. We will need to know who wants to participate.

The meeting was adjourned with a "Happy Holidays" to all. Our next scheduled meeting is January 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the Three River's Mall food court. THIS IS A PLANNING MEETING. All members are invited to attend.

Terrie Spindle, FTLOA secretary

Please e-mail me with any corrections or additions to the minutes.