

San Antonio Calligraphers' Guild
March 2nd, 2017
Minutes of **General Meeting**

The monthly meeting of the San Antonio Calligraphers' Guild (SACG) was held in the Parish Hall of Christ Episcopal Church at 510 Belknap Place, San Antonio, Texas on March 2nd 2017 and called to order by President, Suzan OConnor at 7:00 PM. 26 members and 3 guests were in attendance.

The secretary's minutes were submitted by Laura Herold and published on the website.

President's Agenda

We have a very fun "hands on" program this evening. Let's have a quick business meeting and have some fun. We welcome our guests this evening: Natalie Garza's Guests: Daryl Garza (thanks for the Braille demonstration!), and Erin Fowler. Also, Suzan OConnor's guest: Rebecca Harte (Rebecca is now a new member!)

Committee Reports

Awards and Memorials – Karen Fridlund –There are 9 nominees for the Paul Freeman award. Please consider this compilation of the nominations (attachment 1) and recognize the nominees as we call them to stand. Be prepared to vote at the April meeting and we will announce the winners in May.

Exhibits – Carolyn Patton –Please bring your exhibited work from the Briscoe museum to our June Pot Luck Dinner so that everyone can have a chance to look at the beautiful envelopes.

Hospitality – Rozie Gonzales – Thanks to Carolyn, Lee, Monica, Mary Turner, BJ. and many others for tonight's goodies. Please sign the sheet and volunteer to bring items for the April Meeting.

Library – Suzan OConnor & Monica Brooks – Pauline Sager, one of our very long time members, is donating some books from her library to the guild. Some of the books that we did not need in our library are laid out on tables. At break time please pick out a book, compliments of Pauline.

Membership – Fran Boffo – We have 91 members at this time and renewal time starts in April.

Mini Workshops – Rosemary Rodriguez – Handmade tools went very well in February. On March 16th, Please join us for Beth Morton's Kirigami book. In April, Joan Schmitz will teach pointed gothic.

Secret Pals – Lynn Rothe – Our committee consists of Lenora Jordan, Beth Morton and Lynn Rothe. The theme this year is, **No Theme!** We are also bringing back the “Bio Sheet” to help members tailor their gifts to the person they draw. Please read the letter, “2017 Secret Pal Summer Fun” (attachment 2) and if you would like to participate, sign the clipboard to be in the exchange and fill out the “Bio Sheet” and return to us at the April GM.

The Treasurer’s Report was read by Maggie Gillikin and filed for audit.

Major Workshops – Leslie Winakur – The Marina Soria class was very successful. On May 6th and 7th, Risa Gettler will teach Visigothic Versals. Sign up starts tonight \$110 made out to SACG.

Door Prize-Faye Lee – Fran Boffo won the random drawing! It was a pouch filled with calligraphy items from the Southwest Calligraphy Conference.

Meeting adjourned by Suzan OConnor at 7:21 PM

Following a 15 minute break, we enjoyed the program presented by Maggie Gillikin
Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Herold

Secretary to the SACG

Attachments: Paul Freeman Nominees and 2017 Secret Pal Summer Fun

2017 PAUL FREEMAN AWARD NOMINEES

Karen Fridlund is presently serving as Vice-President of the guild and chair of the Awards and Memorials Committee. She is an enthusiastic member of the guild who has cheerfully taken on the responsibility of her jobs. She has served as the chair of the Hospitality committee and has generously filled in when needed recently. Karen's a joy to work with both because of her organizational capabilities and because of her positive attitude. SACG is fortunate to have Karen as a member and an officer.

Sarah Axsom is our Newsletter Editor. Because the Newsletters are so perfectly organized and beautifully presented, it is easy to overlook all the hours that go into their making. She is always looking for ways to improve the format and clarity of what now has to be the best guild newsletter around. Sarah is a master at taking all the information she receives from the board, committee chairs and members and presenting it in a logical and visually attractive end product. She does this month after month while raising a family, working, volunteering and doing beautiful calligraphy of her own.

Natalie Garza is a new member, but has jumped right in to provide internet tech support whenever it is needed, expertise very valuable to our guild now and in the future.

Monical Brooks stepped up and volunteered to be our librarian as a new member and has made sure the library is always available to us at meetings. She also volunteered to teach a mini workshop this past year and will do so again this year. She a new and very valuable asset to our guild.

Our President Suzan O'Conner- love her enthusiasm and the energy she gets across as she leads us through the year or while putting in the time and effort to make her job look easy. Thank you, Suzan

Laura Herold joined last year and jumped right in. She was nominated and voted in as Secretary, a job which entails keeping a record of both guild and board meetings. She does a wonderful job and can be relied upon to verify discussions and decisions made at these meetings. She also bakes a WONDERFUL cheesecake and does not hesitate to share it.

Rosemary Rodriguez is a longtime member of our guild who is currently our miniworkshop chair. She also assists with other workshops, the exhibits, meetings and refreshments, plus devoted many hours to Secret Pal the past two years. She is always smiling and is a joy to work with. Thank you, Rosemary.

Faye Lee has the thankless task of getting folks to sign in at each general meeting; creating and organizing our name tags. She also stepped up to fill in as door prize coordinator. Faye is always generous with her help to participants at mini's and other workshops. As a new member, Faye always makes me feel welcome and at ease. She also is an accomplished calligrapher who designed our LOGO and taught a class on Korean calligraphy and art.

Leslie Winakur is a long-time member and past President who devotes many, many hours and much effort to ensure that we have the best Calligraphy Guild in the country. She is currently the Chair of Major Workshops- one of the most demanding jobs in the guild. She is a superlative calligrapher, artist and teacher who selflessly shares her time and expertise with all of us. If hers were a paid position, we couldn't afford her- a headhunter would have enticed her away long ago.

2017 SECRET PAL SUMMER FUN

Do you want to get surprises in the mail this summer? Do you want to send someone a surprise to brighten their day? How can you stay inspired, creative and in-touch with your fellow calligraphers, even though there is no meeting to energize you?

That's simple – just sign up to be a **SECRET PAL** and **let the fun begin!!**

SECRET PAL is the SACG's summer program to keep us in touch with each other, keep us inspired and our creativity amped up. During **June, July and August**, we make and send surprises to our **SECRET PAL** (anonymously – hence, the name **SECRET**) which can brighten their days and make them feel special. YOU will be receiving things from your **SECRET PAL**, too, but you won't know who is sending to you. What fun to go to the mail box and find a treasure from a **SECRET** someone! And, sometimes, **SECRET PALS** are really sneaky and have things delivered.

It's also fun to get together during the summer, with one or more of your SACG friends, and work on your **SECRET PAL** projects. It's really a challenge, and LOTS of fun, to work on a surprise for a person sitting right there with you and they don't even realize what you're working on is for them!!! That has really happened before, no kidding. It's a blast to see their faces in September when they realize what you did. Or, start a project and then pass it around to a couple of others to add to it and really fake out your **SECRET PAL**. That has really happened before, too!

The **SEPTEMBER** meeting is the **SECRET PAL REVEAL** when the mystery will be solved and you find out who has been sending goodies to you all summer!! Take all the treasures you've received over the summer to the September meeting, so they can be displayed for all to enjoy (plus take a card or small gift to thank your own **SECRET PAL**). Part of the fun is seeing what everyone has made and finding out about hidden talents in each of us. Many of our Mini Workshops and Saturday Specials have come from something one of us has made in **SECRET PALS**.

Remember, the idea is to share and have fun – no stressing out allowed!

The level of your ability is not important (honest).

Minimum required is three (3) handmade items but you are welcome to make more if you are so inspired.

Keep in mind that this summer project is to share with your fellow guild members – doing something for someone that makes them happy feels really good and it's lots of fun!!

******* Sign up to be a SECRET PAL and get ready for the fun to start *******

Any questions, please contact one of us and we'll try to help.

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