

SAN ANTONIO CALLIGRAPHERS' GUILD

General Meeting 10-3-2024



The monthly meeting of the San Antonio Calligraphers' Guild was held on Thursday, October 3, 2024 via Zoom. President Rene Rone called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. A quorum of members attended the meeting.

Business Meeting:

President's Report: Rene Rone thanked Kaye Yarborough for recommending we contact Alamo Heights Methodist Church as a location for our in-person meetings and housing the library. Laura Herold has contacted them to get information. There is a classroom with wifi and a TV monitor to enable Zoom for hybrid meetings. Their fee is \$15 per hour (we would use the room 6:30-9pm). The church closes at 9 pm. We will have to provide our own liability insurance. Karen said when we met at a church in the past we purchased insurance for around \$500 per year. Rene got a quote from State Farm Insurance for \$595 per year. Rene said the church's rate of \$15 per hour is reasonable but the insurance cost makes having in-person meetings less cost-effective, essentially costing \$105 per meeting. Karen questioned if it would be worth it as we only have 15-20 members who attend in-person meetings. Leslie pointed out that about a third of our members now live outside of San Antonio who rely on Zoom for meetings. Laura pointed out that in-person meetings are the only way to access the library. Leslie said we could try meeting every 3 months but that might be confusing. Maria Te expressed her preference for being able to attend meetings in person. Rene said that signing a contract with the church and obtaining insurance would take some time, so the earliest possible start would be December or January. Leslie suggested that we try it for a 6 month period starting in January so we can see how many members attend in person. Karen asked if it's possible to get insurance for only 6 months. Leslie made a motion that we proceed with making the arrangements to meet at Alamo Heights Methodist Church for a 6 month trial starting in January, 2025 and then reevaluate in July. Laura seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

Preparations for Southwest Calligraphy Conference are proceeding. Our guild hosts the conference in 2025. Sixteen participants are signed up, so we are at the break-even point for finances. We may have two more participants from New Orleans. Several of our members have contributed great items for the goody bags already.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the previous meeting were prepared by Beth McMahon and sent to Board members for review. After corrections, the Minutes were published on the guild website for all members to review. With no further changes, the Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The report for August, 2024 was prepared and read by Karen Fridlund. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

- **Programs - Becky Hughes.** Tonight Paul Herrera will present Review of Father Catich. Father Catich wrote the book, The Origin of the Serif. On November 7 Suzan OConnor will present Design and Composition Principles.
- **Major Workshops/Show and Share - Leslie Winakur.** Mike Gold will teach “Building Structures” via Zoom February 22, March 1, and March 8, 2025, 9 am - 12 pm. A Review Session will be held March 18 from 6-7:30 pm. Fee is \$150. Make the check to Mike Gold and mail to Leslie by October 15. She will send out a reminder to members and to other members of the Southwest Calligraphy Conference.
- **Mini workshops - Maggie Gillikin.** Our mini on October 17 is Walnut Ink by Leslie Winakur. A supply list will be sent out the day after the Show and Share session. On November 21 Lynda Jolly will present Cadells. Maggie said to be sure to see Suzan’s program next month because we will need that information for next summer.
- **Scholarships - Maria Te Diaz.** Scholarships (2) are available for the upcoming workshop with Mike Gold. The only requirement is to be a member in good standing for two years. October birthdays include Laura Heye, Zindy Infante, Judy Jungbauer, and Kimberly Ylitalo.
- **Membership/Paypal/Envelope Exchange - Laura Herold.** Laura reported we currently have 64 members.
- **Secret Pal - Lillie Putman.** No report.
- **Library - Brian Zampier.** It is still in Laura’s garage.
- **Exhibits - Fran Boffo.** No report.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

Announcements: Kaye Yarbrough announced that Sally Gooze is all right though she lives in Asheville, NC (recent flooding from Hurricane Helene).

President Rene Rone adjourned the meeting at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth McMahan, Secretary, San Antonio Calligraphers’ Guild

Attendees: Rene Rone, Leslie Winakur, Maggie Gillikin, Suzi Ickles, Mary Turner, Kaye Yarbrough, Judy Jungbauer, Dolores Schultz, Elizabeth Russell, Laura Herold, Beth McMahan, Karen Fridlund, Lynda Jolly, Fay Lee, Paul Herrera (guest speaker), Lillian Putman, Suzan OConnor, Maria Te Diaz, Brian Zampier, Fran Boffo, Sylvia St. Jean