

SAN ANTONIO CALLIGRAPHERS' GUILD

General Meeting 10-2-25



The monthly meeting of the San Antonio Calligraphers' Guild was held on Thursday, October 2, 2025 at the Community Center of MacArthur Park Lutheran Church and via Zoom. President Rene Rone called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and said we would try a new format using the podium for reports so that Zoom participants would be able to follow the meeting better. She asked that everyone mute themselves (in person and on Zoom) during the meeting as the microphone picks up all the noise in the room. A quorum of members attended the meeting.

Rene reported that Lillie Putman is passing the torch for Secret Pal to Rozie Gonzales and Holley Ras. Rene thanked Lillie for doing a fantastic job and all agreed, responding with applause. Guild bylaws specify that Board members must be Committee Chairs so Rozie has agreed to be the Committee Chair for Secret Pal and will become a Board member in Lillie's place.

Business Meeting:

Minutes from the previous meeting were submitted by Beth McMahon, Secretary, to the Board for corrections and additions. After Board approval, the minutes were published on the guild website. No further changes were required, so the Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report for August 1-31, 2025 was prepared and presented by Karen Fridlund, Treasurer. With no changes, the report was approved. Karen prepared and presented the proposed Operating Budget for 2025-2026. Laura displayed the Proposed Budget during Karen's presentation. Discussion followed. Pat Currie made a motion to accept the proposed budget as presented. Laura Herold seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

Committee Reports:

- **Programs - Liz Russell.** Tonight's program is Embossing/Debossing by Leslie Winakur. This program is a demo so it will be recorded so that it can be reviewed later much like a Mini. On November 6 Liz Russell will present Hieroglyphs. In December we will have a holiday potluck. Liz asked members to send ideas they would like as programs for next year.
- **Major Workshops, Awards and Memorials - Leslie Winakur.** Our major workshop this fall is Historic Decorated Letters by Margaret Morgan. Sessions will be 9 am to noon on October 4 and 11. Leslie has sent a link to Padlet containing the zoom invites, supply lists and Margaret's biography to the 20 participants. Leslie will send a reminder tomorrow including instructions on how to sign in to Padlet and the Zoom link. Margaret prefers that we listen

and watch during the demos and then do our work and post it during the week on Padlet. If you have trouble posting pictures on Padlet, you may send them to Leslie as we do for Show and Share. Leslie will record the session from Zoom and Laura will convert it to a recording available to workshop participants on our YouTube channel. Padlet is free for sign up. We will have a Show and Share on October 9.

- **Mini Workshops- Maggie Gillikin.** On October 16 Maggie and Lynda Jolly will present Simple Decorative Vining. A supply list and handouts will be sent after the Show and Share. On November 20 Jane Gillette will present Abstract Valentines. This could be used for the January Mini when we make Valentines for Family Violence Prevention Services. The concept can be adapted to other shapes for other types of cards.
- **Membership, Website, PayPal, Envelope Exchange - Laura Herold.** We have 66 members with 60 signed up for minis.
- **Library - Daniela Tijerina.** Rene reminded us that the library is open during meetings.
- **Exhibits - Fay Kyong Lee.** Rene reported that our upcoming exhibit at Blume Library at St. Mary's University will be hung October 14. She invited all to attend the opening reception on Friday, October 17 from 2-5 pm (they will provide refreshments). Use the entrance to campus from 1 Camino Santa Maria and park in Lot V. The exhibit will be taken down November 18.
- **Scholarships - Maria Te Diaz.** October birthdays include Laura Heye, Zindy Infante, Judy Jungbauer, Sandra Odom, Kimberly Ylitalo.

Rene thanked Pat Currie and Karen Oliver for hospitality tonight.

New Business: none

Unfinished Business: none

Announcements: Leslie and Maggie spoke with the Board and obtained permission to present these announcements to the general membership. They plan to offer a holiday book class to guild members only. This will be a two-session class ((December 6 and 13) on a long-stitch book based on a medieval limp vellum book. You will need 2 1/4 sheets of Arches Textwove. It can be purchased at Herweck's (but they may also need to order it) or online at Dick Blick. You will also need a Japanese screw punch with a 1 mm drill bit. The fee will be \$100 plus \$10 supply fee for leather and Tyvek. There will be some preparation ahead of time for this class. Let her know if you're interested. Sessions will be 10 am-noon and 1-4 pm. This is an online course that will be recorded. There will be detailed handouts as well.

Maggie announced that she and Leslie plan to offer an on-going course called Calligraphic Explorations to our guild members. This would consist of one Saturday session per month, hopefully beginning in January 2026, for \$50 per session. Sessions will run from 10 am to noon and 1 to 3 or 4 pm. They will ask for a 3 month commitment. Fees may be paid monthly or for 3 months at a time. The course will include copious handouts covering multiple hands with accompanying history and projects. They will teach about all types of tools. They will be available to help students as needed. Lillie asked and Maggie clarified that these classes are only for our guild members.

Suzan OConnor asked if she could take the course a second time because she loved it when she took it before. Maggie said it's fine to take the course a second time as there will be some new projects and information.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Beth McMahon, Secretary, San Antonio Calligraphers' Guild**