

SAN ANTONIO CALLIGRAPHERS' GUILD

General Meeting 1-8-2026



The monthly meeting of the San Antonio Calligraphers' Guild was held on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at the Community Center of MacArthur Park Lutheran Church and via Zoom. President Rene Rone called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. She welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2026 and thanked everyone for donations in December to Family Violence Prevention Services. She reminded that we will be making Valentines for them this month. Members attending tonight may pick up their packets from the table by Laura while locals not in attendance may arrange to pick up packets from Rene. Packets will be mailed to out-of-town members. Completed Valentines and purchased Valentines for the children to share at school may be brought to the February General Meeting.

Business Meeting:

Minutes from the previous meeting were submitted by Laura Herold, Substitute 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 Reports for October 1-31 and November 1-30, 2025 were prepared and presented by Karen Fridlund, Treasurer. With no changes, the reports were approved and submitted for financial review.

Committee Reports:

- **Programs - Liz Russell.** Tonight Dr. William Chiego will present a program about The Monument Men and Women with family photos and stories. In February Paula Kovarik will present Art Quilts. In March Suzan OConnor will present Letter Forms in Architecture. In April Maggie's program will be about using EF 66 nibs.
- **Major Workshops, Awards and Memorials - Leslie Winakur.** No report.
- **Mini Workshops- Maggie Gillikin.** January 22 we will make Valentines for Family Violence Prevention Services. Packets are available tonight for those attending the meeting in person. Out-of-town packets will be in the mail this weekend. Local members who need to pick up a packet should contact Rene to arrange a time. In February 19, Maggie will show how to develop an alphabet from the shapes of 3 letters. In March, Lynda Jolly will present Sickles Alphabet.
- **Membership, Website, PayPal, Envelope Exchange - Laura Herold.** We have 72 members with 63 signed up for minis. An updated roster was sent today. The Envelope Exchange takes place in March, April and May. Laura will send an email for signup. You may answer that

email or text her if you'd like to participate. Each participant makes 3 envelopes per month. She recommended using a "Cancel by Hand" stamp before mailing. She will make a matrix by February 17.

- **Library - Daniela Tijerina.** Rene will open the cabinet for anyone who wants to use the library.
- **Exhibits - Fay Kyong Lee.** No report.
- **Scholarships - Maria Te Diaz.** Scholarships will be available for upcoming workshops. January birthdays include Martha Cole, Jane Gillette, Maggie Gillikin, Beth McMahon, Samuel Rawlins, Jerry Turner and Liz Russell.

New Business: none

Unfinished Business: none

Announcements: Maggie announced that she and Leslie are offering an on-going course called Calligraphic Explorations to our guild members. This would consist of a monthly session the first Saturday of the month, beginning in March 2026, for \$50 per session. Sessions will run from 10 am to 4 pm. Sessions will be recorded for those who can't attend in person. They ask for a 3 month commitment. Fees may be paid monthly or for 3 months at a time. This may be a total of 12 sessions though in the past, it has run for 18 months. They will be available to help students as needed. Nineteen members have already signed up. Lynn said she did the class before and it changed her life.

Rene reminded all on Zoom and in person to mute themselves for the program. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

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

Attendees: Rene Rone, Beth McMahon, Laura Herold, Pat Currie, Judy Jungbauer, Karen Oliver, Fay Lee, Lynn Rothe, Brian Zampier, Alex Lacombe, Linda Muller

Guests: Bill Chiego, Liz Chiego, Mary Russell

Zoom Attendees: Maggie Gillikin, Kaye Yarbrough, Leslie Winakur, Carlos Haun, Gail Fournier, Suzan OConnor, Sylvia St. Jean, Dolores Schultz, Jane Gillette, Karen Fridlund, Maria Te Diaz, Dora