

SAN ANTONIO CALLIGRAPHERS' GUILD

General Meeting 2-5-2026



The monthly meeting of the San Antonio Calligraphers' Guild was held on Thursday, February 5, 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 new member, Carol Griffin, from Corpus Christi. She thanked everyone for the beautiful handmade Valentines for outreach to Family Violence Prevention Services and for over 400 commercial Valentines collected for the children to distribute at school.

Business Meeting:

President's Report: Rene and Beth McMahon attended Southwest Calligraphy Conference on January 23-25. Because of the widespread winter storm covering much of Texas and Oklahoma with snow and ice during that time frame, the conference was converted from an in-person meeting to Zoom. This conference focuses on the exchange of ideas and information among the member guilds. Some conclusions included that SACG dues are among the lowest (range from \$25 to \$45 per year) and Minis are inexpensive too. Other guilds have also experienced difficulty finding meeting places. Our guild makes use of Zoom more than other guilds. Texas Lettering Arts Council has agreed to pay the \$300 deposit for the conference yearly so that fee will no longer come out of our budget. SACG will host the conference again in 2031. Beth reported that Leslie and Maggie have done an excellent job with Major Workshops and Minis so that other guilds were looking to our guild schedule for ideas. It's time to form a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of officers for 2026-2027. Beth McMahon and Fay Lee volunteered from the present Board. Rene asked for a volunteer from the general membership. Pat Currie volunteered to be the third member. The committee will meet this month to prepare the slate to present at the April General meeting.

Minutes from the January General 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 December 1-31, 2025 was prepared and presented by Karen Fridlund, Treasurer. With no changes, the report was approved. Karen mentioned that if someone wants to make a donation to the guild, it is best to designate the donation for the Joan Schmitz Education Fund as there is more flexibility in its use than the Denise Adler Scholarship Fund.

Committee Reports:

- **Programs - Liz Russell.** Tonight we will connect with Paula Kovarik on Art Quilts. On March 5 Suzan OConnor will present Calligraphy Written Large: Murals in Architecture. On April 2 Maggie will present EF 66 Possibilities. Order nibs from John Neal to be prepared. On May 7 Beth McMahon will present The Ins and Outs of Weaving.
- **Major Workshops, Awards and Memorials - Leslie Winakur.** No major workshops are scheduled at present. In lieu of a major workshop Leslie and Maggie will begin an on-going year-long course called Calligraphic Explorations. This consists of one Saturday session per month, beginning March 7, for \$50 per session with a 3 month commitment. Fees may be paid monthly or for 3 months at a time. Sessions will run from 10 am to 4 pm. The course will include copious handouts covering multiple hands with accompanying history and projects. They will start at the very beginning and teach about all types of tools and techniques. They will be available to help students as needed. This course is only available to our guild members with 23 participants so far. There will be a project every month designed to use the information presented in the lesson. Padlet will be used as a class bulletin board and gallery. It is an interactive tool, so that critique can occur from teachers and fellow students. If you need instruction on using Padlet, contact Leslie soon and she will arrange to teach you.
- Nominations for Paul Freeman Awards will be accepted soon. Paul Freeman was a noted calligrapher who gave the first workshop for the guild who donated some pieces of his artwork. If you have an award piece from last year, please bring it to the April meeting. Leslie will send out nomination forms that can be emailed or texted back to her (See attachment below). She will record all the nominations to present at the General Meeting. We will vote on the nominations in April and four awards will be presented in May.
- **Mini Workshops- Maggie Gillikin.** On February 19 Maggie will show how to create an alphabet from just three marks and then make variations from that alphabet. A short supply list will be sent out the Friday after the next Show and Share session. On March 19 Lynda Jolly will present Sickles Alphabet. On April 16 Kimberly Ylitalo will present Pop-Up Bag Card. In May we will see more pop-ups that can be used for Secret Pal with more ideas presented in June. In July Maggie will teach Alan Blackman hand. In August Leslie will present Dutch Masters hand.
- **Membership, Website, PayPal, Envelope Exchange - Laura Herold.** We have 73 members with 64 signed up for minis. An updated roster has been sent out.
- Sign-up for the Envelope Exchange has begun with 20 participants so far. The matrix will be sent out by email February 18. Laura will mail a hard copy to each participant as well. Sylvia St. Jean cleverly assembled all the Envelopes she has received in the past into a book that was on display at the meeting.
- **Exhibits - Fay Kyong Lee.** Fay is working on an exhibit for this fall with Victor at Kurt Youngblood Framing. Victor has a new gallery on Zarzamora Street that promotes local artists. Our guild exhibit may be displayed from September to December. A 25% commission will be taken on items sold from the exhibit. He will also offer individual members the opportunity to sell items at a Christmas Market but you must have a Texas Sales Tax Permit.

- **Scholarships - Maria Te Diaz.** February birthdays include Amanda Gleason Garcia, Laura Herold, Hillys Lewis, and Ann Rossi.
- **New Business:** none

- **Unfinished Business:** none

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm. An excellent program on Art Quilts by Paula Kovarik followed the business meeting.

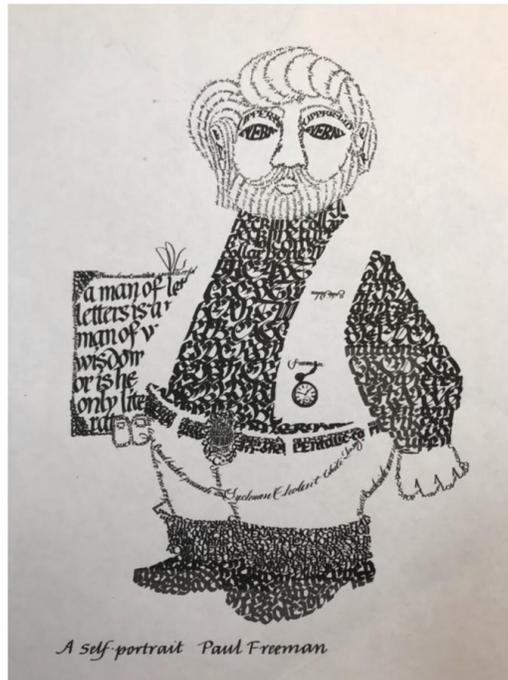
**Respectfully submitted,
Beth McMahan, Secretary, San Antonio Calligraphers' Guild**

Attendees: Rene Rone, Beth McMahan, Laura Herold, Karen Fridlund, Pat Currie, Judy Jungbauer, Karen Oliver, Maria Te Diaz, Lynn Rothe, Fay Lee, Liz Russell, Sylvia St. Jean, Brian Zampier, Lillie Putman, Zindy Infante, Dany Tijerina

Zoom Attendees: Maggie Gillikin, Leslie Winakur, Suzy Ickles, Lynda Jolly, Paula Kovarik
(guest), Jane
Gillette, Gail

NOMINEE _____

SHORT BIOGRAPHY AND REASON FOR NOMINATION



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