

SAN ANTONIO CALLIGRAPHERS' GUILD

General Meeting 3-5-2026



The monthly meeting of the San Antonio Calligraphers' Guild was held on Thursday, March 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, Ursela Christopherson, from Converse, Texas.

Business Meeting:

President's Report: Rene thanked everyone for the 175 beautiful handmade Valentines for outreach to Family Violence Prevention Services and for 1490 commercial Valentines collected for the children to distribute at school.

Houston Calligraphy Guild will host a calligraphy retreat September 18-20 at the Marriott.

Everyone is invited to attend. Registration starts May 15 and workshops fill fast.

Rene announced that our guild was formed in 1976 making this our 50th anniversary. Karen and Judy are creating a celebration to be held at the June meeting. We hope to see all local members for this event.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the February 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 January 1-31, 2026 was prepared and presented by Karen Fridlund, Treasurer. With no changes, the report was approved.

Committee Reports:

- **Programs - Liz Russell.** Tonight Suzan OConnor will present Calligraphy Writ Large: Murals in Architecture. On April 2 Maggie will present EF 66 Possibilities. This will be a hands-on program. Members may order at least 2 nibs from John Neal to be prepared for the presentation. On May 7 Beth McMahon will present The Ins and Outs of Weaving.
- **Major Workshops, Awards and Memorials - Leslie Winakur.** Nominations for Paul Freeman Awards will be accepted this month. Leslie sent out nomination forms that can be

emailed or texted back to her (See attachment below). She brought printed forms for those at tonight's meeting to fill out. She will record all the nominations to present at the April General Meeting. We will vote on the nominations in April and four awards will be presented in May.

- **Mini Workshops- Maggie Gillikin.** On March 19 Lynda Jolly will present Sickles Alphabet accompanied by a great handout. On April 16 Maggie will present Dard Hunter lettering and a rose illustration. In May we will see pop-ups that can be used for Secret Pal with more ideas presented in June. Lynda Jolly has agreed to help Maggie with Minis.
- **Membership, Website, PayPal, Envelope Exchange - Laura Herold.** We have 74 members with 63 signed up for minis. An updated roster has been sent out.
- The Envelope Exchange has begun. The matrix was sent by email and Laura mailed a hard copy to each participant as well. Participants mail a decorated envelope to the members assigned by the matrix, 3 in March, 3 in April and 3 in May.
- Annual dues should be paid in April and May.
- **Exhibits - Fay Kyong Lee.** No report.
- **Scholarships - Maria Te Diaz.** March birthdays include Jeanine Alexander, Judith Hovde, Holly Ras, and Dean Skelley.
- **New Business:** none

- **Unfinished Business:** none

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. An excellent program by Suzan OConnor entitled Calligraphy Writ Large: Murals in Architecture followed the business meeting.

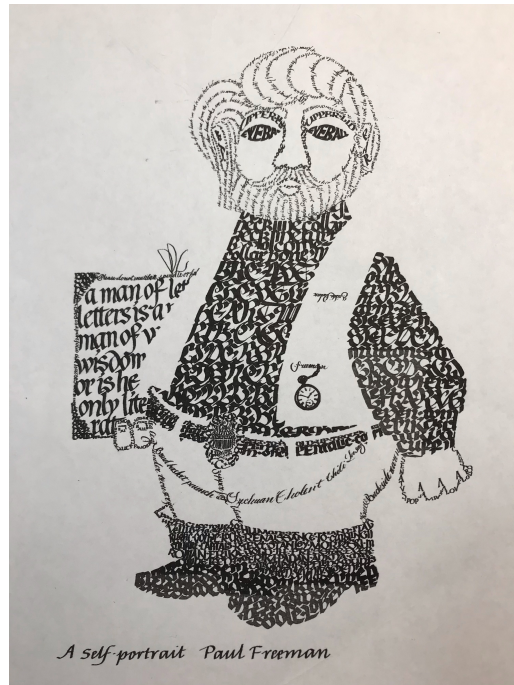
**Respectfully submitted,
Beth McMahan, Secretary, San Antonio Calligraphers' Guild**

Attendees: Rene Rone, Leslie Winakur, Beth McMahan, Pat Currie, Judy Jungbauer, Karen Oliver, Lynn Rothe, Fay Lee, Maria Te Diaz, Maria Kutcher, Liz Russell,

Zoom Attendees: Laura Herold, Maggie Gillikin, Suzan OConnor, Dean Skelley, Karen Fridlund, Lynda Jolly, Jane Gillette, Brian Zampier, Deborah Hartigan, Dolores Schultz, Carlos Haun, Cindy Haller, Suzy Ickles, Gail Fournier

NOMINEE _____

SHORT BIOGRAPHY AND REASON FOR NOMINATION



A self-portrait Paul Freeman