

SAN ANTONIO CALLIGRAPHERS' GUILD

General Meeting 4-2-2026



The monthly meeting of the San Antonio Calligraphers' Guild was held on Thursday, April 2, 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.

Business Meeting:

President's Report: 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. Rene encouraged all local members to attend this event. Artsy friends and significant others are invited also. In June we will collect donations for Family Violence Prevention Services.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the March 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 February 1-28, 2026 was prepared and presented by Karen Fridlund, Treasurer. With no changes, the report was approved. Rene reminded that annual dues for 2026-2027 may be paid now (\$25) through the website. Minis for 2026-2027 may also be paid (\$30). Any donations made at the same time should be designated for the Joan Schmitz Education Fund.

Committee Reports:

- **Programs - Liz Russell.** Tonight Maggie will present EF 66 Possibilities. This will be a hands-on program and will be recorded. On May 7 Beth McMahon will present The Ins and Outs of Weaving. In June we will have a potluck and Show and Share along with the 50th anniversary celebration.
- **Major Workshops, Awards and Memorials - Leslie Winakur.** Nominations for Paul Freeman Awards have been compiled (see attachment). Leslie instructed members to vote for one and send the vote to her for tabulation. Leslie sent out ballots that can be emailed or

mailed back to her. Those in attendance tonight May simply circle a name on the ballots provided and return to her. Four or five awards will be presented in May.

- **Mini Workshops- Maggie Gillikin.** On April 16 Maggie will present Dard Hunter lettering, Willow (a MacIntosh style hand), and an art deco rose illustration. A supply list and pictures will be sent out the day after Show and Share. In May we will see pop-ups that can be used for Secret Pal with more ideas presented in June.
- **Membership, Website, PayPal, Envelope Exchange - Laura Herold.** We have 74 members with 63 signed up for minis. An updated roster has been sent out. Several people have already paid dues for next year. She asked for members to fill out the accompanying form especially noting information that has changed from previous years.
- We had a glitch on our website that Cindy Haller noticed. Laura and Luis got the glitch fixed by renewing the domain name and putting it on auto-renewal. Luis and Ana maintain the website with an annual review.
- 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. Please put your name inside before you send the envelopes you made because this is not a secret exchange. Send photos of envelopes sent and received to Leslie.
- **Exhibits - Fay Kyong Lee.** No report.
- **Scholarships - Maria Te Diaz.** April birthdays include Vanessa Wayland, Mako Barr, and Maria Kutcher.
- **Library - Dany Tijerina.** Rene reminded members to use the resources in the library.
- **Hospitality-Judy Jungbauer and Karen Oliver.** They are planning the 50th Anniversary celebration for June. Laura will send out the invitation midApril so that everyone will know what to bring. Artsy friends and significant others are invited to come help us celebrate.
- **Secret Pal - Rozie Gonzales and Holley Ras.** Rozie sent a short survey by email. Filling out the survey and returning it by email registers participants for Secret Pal. The cutoff date for signup is May 1. They encourage everyone to make handmade items such as those based on the Minis. Reach out to them for any questions or concerns. They ask that participants to send items each month June, July, August. For out-of-town participants, one box could be sent with items inside labeled for the month they should be opened or items can be sent to Rozie or Holley for delivery at different times.
- **New Business: none**
- **Unfinished Business:**
- **Nominating Committee.** Fay Kyong Lee, Pat Currie and Beth McMahon met to assemble a proposed slate of officers for 2026-2027.

President-Beth McMahon
Vice-President-Liz Russell
Secretary-Leslie Winakur
Treasurer-Rene Rone

Members-at-Large: Laura Herold, Maggie Gillikin, Maria Te Diaz, Rozie Gonzales, and Karen Oliver

After discussion, this slate was approved by the Board.

The slate was presented to the general membership and then Rene asked for nominations from the floor three times. There were no nominations from the floor.

Announcements: none

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth McMahon, Secretary, San Antonio Calligraphers' Guild

Attendees: Leslie Winakur, Beth McMahon, Judy Jungbauer, Karen Oliver, Lynn Rothe, Lillie Putman, Laura Herold, Dora Ybarra, Rose Gonzales, Fay Kyong Lee

Zoom Attendees: Rene Rone, Maggie Gillikin, Karen Fridlund, Maria Te Diaz, Lynda Jolly, Gail Fournier, Deborah Hartigan, Cindy Haller, Carlos Haun, Sylvia St. Jean, Jane Gillette, Deborah Bowen, Taryne Lewey, Suzi Ickles

Paul Freeman Nominations 2025-2026

Maggie Gillikin

There aren't enough words! She organizes the mini workshops and presents us with fascinating programs and mini workshops. She is one of the historians for SACG and is always upbeat, encouraging, and generous with her knowledge and supplies. Plus, she does all this long distance from Maryland! And her artwork is amazing and inspiring.

Laura Herold

Laura has been an enthusiastic Membership Chair, delivering new member packets in person (with help from sweet Chloe), encouraging new members to take part in mini workshops, and always keeping our member roster updated. She is also our Website Coordinator and liaison with our webmasters, and uploads the General Meeting minutes to the website every month. She coordinates our Envelope Exchange every spring and she is always our Zoom cohost. On top of all that, Laura patiently uploads all of our mini workshop recordings to YouTube and never complains when we lose the link in a stack of emails and ask her to re-send it. She always goes the extra mile for the Guild!

Judy Jungbauer

Judy (together with Karen) has done an outstanding job with Hospitality this year. She always arrives very early and sets up such a beautiful display of all of our nibbles and snacks. The themed table cloths and the little details like providing water and setting up the sign in sheets are always commented on by our members. She does that thankless job of monitoring and picking up our little messes at the end of the meeting. Responsibility is not usually fun, but Judy always shows up early with a smile and a kind word!

Fay Kyong Lee

Fay has worked tirelessly to find venues for our exhibits so that we can show our calligraphic art. She is always positive and gets us motivated to participate. She has acquired new beautiful venues for our exhibits and has worked so well with the venue organizers. No question is too trivial for her and she makes sure we're all on the same page. Come exhibit hanging day, she makes sure everyone has what's necessary (even when we forget all sorts of things). And she's right there on take down day as well, repacking everything so that all we need to do is show up and retrieve our artwork. Fay makes it so easy for us to share our artwork with the community!

Beth McMahon

Beth does an amazing job as secretary, providing us with excellent minutes that often make order out of chaos. She posts them immediately after each meeting and keeps track of attendance for our records. She assists with a variety of activities, such as hanging and taking down our exhibits, and she's an active participant in all guild activities. Beth is generally always there to lend a hand with whatever is happening.

Karen Oliver

Karen (along with Judy) has done an extraordinary job with Hospitality. She has a sweet disposition and is always welcoming. There are always plenty of wonderful, delicious goodies at every meeting, along with plenty of water, utensils, napkins. The sign in sheets and name tags are all arranged in such a way as to make it very inviting and appealing. Everything is well presented, and this touch makes the meetings more special. Even our guest speakers and their family members have commented on how well we are looked after!

Lillie Putman

Lillie quietly supplies door prizes all year long. She has been a loyal, kind and generous member, a model for us all.

Rene Rone

Rene has been an excellent president for 2 years. She works hard to keep us organized and on schedule throughout the year. Her board meetings and general meetings are wonderfully short and to the point. She arrives early for meetings and is the last one out. We're very fortunate to have her!

Liz Russell

Liz stepped up and accepted the job of Program Chair as a newer member and has been a wonderful addition to our guild. She has brought really good, interesting presentations. The entire calendar she has put together for this year will enrich us all.

Leslie Winakur

Leslie is the heart and soul of our guild. She serves as vice president, Zoom host, program presenter, a historian, and major workshop chair. She is generous with her time and knowledge. She encourages everyone, teaches newcomers, and shares her art and supplies with all.