

# SAN ANTONIO CALLIGRAPHERS' GUILD

## General Meeting 5-7-2026



The monthly meeting of the San Antonio Calligraphers' Guild was held on Thursday, May 7, 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 welcomed our newest member, Joy Duffy, in attendance tonight. Rene announced that our Guild's 50th anniversary celebration will be June 4. Leslie is preparing a photo show of members and some previous activities to share with us. Karen and Judy are arranging for sandwiches and a cake and ask that members bring a summer side dish to share. Food will be served at 6 pm so come early to enjoy. Maggie is making a book so all our members can add comments about the guild. Our Zoom attendees can put their comments in the chat and Dany Tijerina has volunteered to transcribe them into the book. We'll have door prizes and the names of our Zoom attendees will be added to the drawings. Rene encouraged all local members to attend this event. Artsy friends and significant others are invited also. There will be a Show and Share and results from the Envelope Exchange.

In June we will collect donations for Family Violence Prevention Services. This can be in the form of \$10 or \$15 gift cards from HEB or goods such as socks, diapers, or underwear. There are from 100-150 women and children at the shelter at any one time. Lynn reminded that there are sometimes teenagers including boys present. Amazon can deliver there but deliveries are only accepted from 10 am to 2 pm. Leslie will send the mailing address and information.

Annual dues should be paid prior to June 1 on the website or may be paid in person by check or cash at the June 4 meeting.

Rene called on Leslie to present the Paul Freeman awards. Maggie made books and Leslie inscribed each with an initial in gold for the nominees including Laura Herold, Lillie Putman, Judy Jungbauer, Karen Oliver, Fay Kyong Lee, Elizabeth Russell (Liz), Rene Rone, Beth McMahan, Leslie Winakur, and Maggie Gillikin. The very deserving winners are Judy, Karen, Fay and Liz. They will each have a piece of artwork to hang in their homes for the year. Leslie said the guild is missing two pieces of artwork by Paul Freeman so if you have one of these, please bring it to the next meeting.

It's time to elect officers for 2026-2027. The Nominating Committee of Pat Currie, Fay Lee, and Beth McMahon previously presented the slate to the Board for its approval:

President-Beth McMahon

Vice-President-Liz Russell

Secretary-Leslie Winakur

Treasurer-Rene Rone

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

Rene called for nominations from the floor three times. She then called for the vote. The slate was accepted by acclamation.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the April 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 March 1-31, 2026 was prepared and presented by Karen Fridlund, Treasurer. With no changes, the report was approved. Karen reminded that annual dues for 2026-2027 may be paid now (\$25) through the website on PayPal or by check or cash in person tonight or at the June meeting. 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 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.** No major workshops have been scheduled because 28 members are currently enrolled in monthly Calligraphic Explorations.
- **Mini Workshops- Maggie Gillikin.** On May 21 we will see pop-ups, origami, and map folds that can be used for Secret Pal with more tips and tricks presented in June. Taryne Lewey will show us how to make her little birds. In July Leslie will show Dutch Masters hand. In August Maggie will have a tribute to Alan Blackman and some variations on his calligraphic hands. There's a full schedule for Minis for next year already. They're a bargain so sign up.
- **Membership, Website, PayPal, Envelope Exchange - Laura Herold.** We now have 75 members with 64 signed up for minis. An updated roster will be sent out. Thirteen members 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 but Laura and Luis got it fixed by renewing the domain name and putting it on auto-renewal. Luis and Ana maintain the website with an annual review that occurs in August. She requests those who are listed on the Calligraphers for Hire page review their information and update it as needed by July 1. Send any changes to Laura.
- The Envelope Exchange will be completed this month. Send photos of envelopes sent and received to Leslie.
- **Exhibits - Fay Kyong Lee.** We will have an exhibit this fall probably starting in late September. She asked each member to prepare three pieces. If framing elsewhere, Victor of Kurt Youngblood Framing would like to check the pieces to make sure they have a proper wire for hanging. There will be a 25% commission taken on work sold so price with this in mind. Pieces to be framed by Victor should be taken to him by the end of August so he has time to get all the work finished.
- **Scholarships - Maria Te Diaz.** May birthdays include Deborah Bowen, Lynda Jolly, Lillie Putman, Mary Turner, Leslie Winakur, Pat Currie, Alexandra Lacombe, and Becky Garza.
- **Library - Dany Tijerina.** She reminded members to use the resources in the library.
- **Hospitality-Judy Jungbauer and Karen Oliver.** They are planning the 50th Anniversary celebration for June. Artsy friends and significant others are invited to come help us celebrate.
- **Secret Pal - Rozie Gonzales and Holley Ras.** Rozie said we have 17 members signed up to participate. Packets will be sent out by May 20 for Secret Pal to begin in June.
- **New Business: none**
- **Unfinished Business: none**
- **Announcements: none**

Lynn Rothe and Fay Kyong Lee won the door prizes which were SACG leather paper weights made by Laura.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.**

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

**Attendees:** Leslie Winakur, Rene Rone, Beth McMahan, Laura Herold, Pat Currie, Joy Duffy, Karen Oliver, Karen Fridlund, Maria Te Diaz, Maria Kutcher, Fay Lee, Judy Jungbauer, Dany Tijerina, Brian Zampier, Rozie Gonzales, Fran Boffo, Liz Russell, Mary Russell, Zindy Infante, Linda Muller

**Zoom Attendees:** Maggie Gillikin, Gail Fournier, Carlos Haun, Lynn Rothe, Jane Gillette, Deborah Douglas, Kay Yarbrough, Loni Carlson, Taryne Lewey, Suzi Ickles, Arlene Bowles, Sylvia St. Jean



