

General Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2026

Board for 2026-2027

President: Beth McMahon
Vice President: Elizabeth Russell
Secretary: Leslie Winakur
Treasurer: Rene Rone
Members-at-Large: Laura Herold, Maggie Gillikin, Maria Te Diaz, Rozie Gonzales, and Karen Oliver

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

President's Report:

Beth welcomed everyone to our new calligraphy year in our excellent meeting space at the MacArthur Park Lutheran Church Community Center, and especially welcomed new members Adriana Castellano, who was present, and Norma Morales-Arias.

Beth reminded everyone that the Board has planned great programs and mini workshops for this year, along with the continuation of Calligraphic Explorations for those already enrolled. Fay has an exhibit planned for us in October, and a market day in November. And we are looking forward to tonight's Secret Pal Reveal.

Beth also reminded everyone that the meeting reminders are sent out by email with SACG in the subject line, and the Zoom invite is sent on the Wednesday just before the meeting or mini workshop.

Beth reported that when she and Rene and Karen Fridlund went to Wells Fargo Bank to update the guild contacts, they realized that the key executive listed for our guild had not been changed since before the pandemic. The Board decided that this be changed to the current President, and this will update each time new officers are elected.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the previous meeting have been posted on our website for members to read.

Treasurer's Report: Rene presented the treasurer's report for August of 2026. Reports for May, June, July, and August are attached. She also presented a proposed budget for the coming year. After some discussion, Leslie Winakur moved that the budget be accepted and Laura Herold seconded the motion. The budget passed unanimously (budget is attached).

Committee Reports

Programs: Liz Russell.

The September program is the Secret Pal Reveal.

The October program will be presented by Reggie Ezell on gilding.

The November program will be presented by Elizabeth Russell on the Book of Kells.

The December program will be our Holiday Potluck.

Workshops/Awards and Memorials: Leslie Winakur.

The only workshop scheduled so far is the ongoing Calligraphic Explorations class, which has 24 students and will go through March of 2027.

Maggie Gillikin volunteered to donate a copy of *Mastering Brush Roman Capitals*, by John Stevens, to the library, to be inscribed in memory of recently deceased member Mary Turner. It will be placed in the Library at the next meeting.

Mini-Workshops: Maggie Gillikin and Lynda Jolly.

Maggie reviewed the mini workshop lineup for the coming guild year. September will be Mosaics, presented by Leslie Winakur. In October, Cindy Haller will present Stipples. In November, Jane Gillette will teach us Folded Hearts, and January will be our annual Valentines for the Family Violence Prevention Services.

Membership/Website/PayPal/Envelope Exchange: Laura Herold.

We currently have 60 paid members and 51 signed up for mini workshops.

The current Calendar at a Glance is posted on our website.

The current membership Roster has been emailed to all members. Please remember that this is private information and is not to be shared with anyone.

There was some discussion about acquiring new members. Zindy Infante suggested we revitalize our old brochure and have it available at meetings, exhibits, and to any member who can bring it along to events attended, Zindy volunteered to arrange for free printing of the brochures.

Exhibits: Fay Kyong Lee.

The opening date for the fall exhibit at Youngblood Gallery has changed to October 10, 2026, 1-4 pm. The turn in date is now September 29, 2026, 1-2 pm at the gallery. A revised invitation by Dani Tijerina has been emailed to everyone. Fay will make arrangements to help those who cannot be there on the turn in date. Take down date will be January 8, 2027. Fay said Victor doesn't mind if we take that whole week to pickup our artwork.

A few items may be marked "not for sale" but not too many. It's better to put a higher price on the art if you don't want it to sell.

As per the bylaws, we may show work that has not been exhibited for 2 years. All art must hang on the wall. Books may be exhibited at the opening, but must be taken home that day. Art on an easel is not acceptable.

Victor is planning a Holiday Market on November 14, 2026, 10 am - 4 pm at the gallery, for guild members only. If members choose to participate they must bring their own table. They can sell on their own and take care of sales tax, etc., themselves, and Victor will take no commission. Or they may allow Victor to take care of that for a 25% commission, and they will have no need for a sales tax certificate. If too few members plan to participate, there will be no market. Victor will advertise to his client list and we can advise to our families and friends.

Library: Dani Tijerina.

Dani will add the new John Stevens book to our Library Thing listing when it arrives.

Scholarships: Maria Te Diaz.

No scholarship report. Maria announced the September birthdays and wished a happy birthday to Fay Kyong Lee, Jennifer Gonzales, Sierra Siegel, Suzan OConnor, Karen Fridlund, Loni Carlson, and Kaye Yarbrough.

Secret Pal: Rozie Gonzales and Holley Ras.

Secret Pal Reveal is the program for tonight.

Hospitality: Karen Oliver and Judy Jungbauer.

We will remind members who come to meetings in person to bring food to share.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

Announcements: The book to commemorate our 50th Anniversary is ready for everyone to sign. It is being passed around tonight for all to see and it will be available At the next meeting and in our Library going forward. If you wish to prepare something to be attached, the best size is 8" x 5", vertical format . Please bring your memories and/or artwork to the October meeting.

Door Prizes: Laura Herold and Adriana Castellano

Adjourned: 7:33 pm

Respectfully submitted
Leslie Winakur, Secretary

Proposed budget follows below.

SACG PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET 2026-2027

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	Comments/assumptions	Budget
Membership Dues:	70 members @\$25	\$1775.00
Mini Workshop fees:	60 @ \$30	\$1800.00
Major Workshop	none planned	0
Exhibit	1 event (\$10x30)	\$300.00
Total anticipated income		\$3875.00
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		
MPLC Room	10 meetings @\$50 each	\$500.00
Program	5 @ \$50	\$250.00
	2 @ \$200.00	\$400.00
Mini Workshop	11 @ \$75	\$825.00
Major Workshop	none planned	0
PayPal	fees	\$125.00
Padlet		\$100.00
Postage and Office supplies		\$200.00
New Member Packets		\$100.00
Hospitality for meetings		\$250.00
Secret Pal		\$100.00
Awards	Paul Freeman nom. Gifts	\$100.00
Memorial book		\$50.00
Exhibit	hangers/venue/H20/invitations	0
P.O. Box rental		\$230.00

Web maintenance		\$325.00
Web hosting security	Wordfence	\$170.00
Domain Registration	Go Daddy	\$150.00
Total Anticipated Expenses		\$3875.00