

The Photo Arts Club of Toledo

April 14th, 2011

Board Meeting

When the Photo Arts of Toledo Board members met on April 14th, 2011, two of the club's members were guests and asked to present.

Present were President Steven Stalker, Vice President Todd Grinonneau, Secretary Wennie Anderson and Board members, Al Henderson, Tajinder Singh, Kathy Douglas, Ben Anderson, and William Rankin. Absent were Treasurer Donna Gottschalk and Debbie Rankin.

It was announced that only 2 people had signed up for the one day IYP class. The discussion led by President Stalker was to eliminate the class if at least 10 others sign up for the class by April 30th. Further discussion was that almost ½ of the teachers were not available for the day of the class. Mr. Stalker also had another possible engagement for that weekend. It was moved by Ms. Anderson that we don't wait until the 30th of April but cancel the class now. This motion after a brief discussion was seconded by William Rankin and all was in favor of canceling the class for May. The money will be returned to the two that signed up for the class.

A Treasurer's report was given by Ms. Anderson in the absence of Donna Gottschalk. It was reported that the club has \$6,178.27 in the club account. This was made known by an email sent to the Board members from Ms. Gottschalk. It was noted that all bills have been paid and are up to date with the exception of the Presidential Plaque which will be approximately \$250.00.

Al Henderson gave a brief accounting of the number of members presently in the club. He reported that there are 133 members with 33 members in arrears. Mr. Henderson reported that he will be doing the membership job until Ms. Gottschalk injury has improved.

Mr. Stalker gave the Board members an interesting suggestion from the Valentine Theater. There is not a set date for this event at the time of the April Board Meeting, however the theater would like to know if our club would be interested in taking pictures inside and out of the theater. More details are needed as to what they want, if they want a printed or digital media, would we lose the rights to the photos, when is the shooting date and when would the prints/digital images be due. October 29th is the date of the auction that would auction off items including the prints that we would take. Mr. Stalker will contact Tedd Long from the Board of Directors of the Valentine Theater to get answers to these and other questions. If our club is not interested they will contact other photo clubs in the area.

It was announced that John Dillon will be teaching a class representing the Photo Arts Club of Toledo and will be using the clubs equipment to do so.

Mr. Stalker asked Ms. Anderson to send an email to the club's members about the Contest night April 21, 2011 and also to give a heads up on the Buddy or Station Shoot in the gardens on May 5th. There will also be a cover contest during the May 5th meeting night.

In another discussion, the Architecture Artifacts of Toledo may be an interesting place to visit and shoot. The owners are very receptive to visiting photographers. Darcie Williams agreed to call and get a date set for the group.

William Rankin discussed a survey that he would like to send to all members. He has written one and will send it on to Board members first to get their slant on it. After the Board members read it and it is approved by the Board, Mr. Rankin will send it on to the members, hoping for a response. This will give us an idea what the members want from the club.

An Annual Contest discussion will be held at the May 12th Board meeting. Pros and Cons will be discussed. At a later date in June, the Board will meet with Karen Pugh to further discuss ours and the contest held by the National Center for Nature Photography.

Mr. Rankin made a motion, after a brief discussion, to take out all the pipes in the room that use to be the club's darkroom. This will be done by the project managers William Rankin and Joe Pizutto. This motion was seconded by Wennie Anderson and all were in favor.

Douglas Sweet was given the floor at this point and had us listen to a wireless sound system that would benefit the club. It is brand new and the cost of this equipment is \$140.00. Mr. Sweet announced to the clubs delight that he was donating it for our use. A thank you note will be sent to Mr. Sweet.

Darcie Williams was given the floor and announced that she did extensive web searching and has come up with much lower priced hotels/motels for the trip to the Finger Lakes of New York. Thank you Ms. Williams for all the good work you have done to help out with the cost of those members going on this journey.

A motion to close the meeting at 8:54 was made by Tajinder Singh and seconded by William Rankin.

Submitted by Wennie Anderson
Secretary of PACT

Any corrections or deletions will be noted in the May Minutes.