

October Board Meeting

October 13th, 2011

Photo Arts Club of Toledo

The meeting of the Photo Arts Club of Toledo was opened by the club President Steven Stalker at 7:05 PM. Present beside Mr. Stalker were Ben Anderson, Tajinder Singh, Board Members. Todd Grinonneau, Vice President, Donna Gottschalk, Treasurer, Wennie Anderson, Secretary. Member guests were Jim Aubry, Dale Bockbrader and Joe Pizzuto.

Jim as a guest was given the floor and he had a few questions about the group and group functions. His address was not correct so he did not receive the cancelation of the Studio Group this month. He also had questions about the monthly photo contest. These questions were answered by the Board members both in print and digital entries and how to size, time limit on sending and matting and mounting.

Mrs. Gottschalk gave a brief membership report. There are presently 97 active members, 4 members were sent a second notice and 6 first notices were sent to members of their need to renew their memberships. It was noted that most of these 6 are very active members and would most likely renew.

In the checking account there is now \$6,693.33 with several bills still to pay this year.

One of which is our Insurance Policy. When contacted, the company said that our policy was no longer available or in effect. A new written policy would be at least \$50.00 more per year. It was proposed that the club do a picture inventory of its assets. The bill is due in November.

A discussion about the Festival in the Dark was held. Mr. Stalker expressed his disappointment in the event. The gardens were supposed to give each clubhouse candy to give to the children who tricked or treated each building. The first night the candy completely ran out by 8:00. The event was supposed to go to 10:00PM. The second night, the candy was gone even sooner. The gardens promised more candy but it was never delivered. Mr. Stalker said this was a flop due to the fact that the families had to pay to do this and there was not enough candy delivered for them. This was very bad PR for us and the gardens.

A discussion about the furnace was held and how very dirty the filter was. It looked like it had not been changed in years. It was stated that the filter should be changed every Autumn. Mr Stalker purchased and installed a new filter.

The Hot water heater was also discussed. It was proposed that an On Demand Hot Water Heater be installed.

Mr. Grinonneau announced that a nice window was installed in the crawl space where an open hole use to be. This should keep animals and people out.

A discussion on the purchase of a Flat Screen TV continued again. Mr. Aubry has had discussions with William Rankin and is working with him. There was some confusion about just who is doing the purchasing and at what cost. Mrs. Anderson recalled that a vote was taken at a general meeting and the group voted to pay at least 700.00 for a better LED set. Three people have been doing research on TV's. Tajinder, the Rankins and Jim Aubry are all working on this but not together. They should get together and discuss who is doing what so that they know what each of them is doing and multiple sets be purchased.

The floor in the bathroom was discussed and it was suggested that a working group be put together, if the gardens will not do it, to lay a new floor. Going back in our minutes this is not a new item but has been a on going discussion for at least 3 years.

Contest hardware will be ordered by Todd Grinonneau. Extra parts will be good to have in case of malfunction by our system especially during competition. Mr. Grinonneau asked that the Monroe Camera Club judging system be again used until parts can be purchased

There was a discussion of the Valentine images handed in by the PACT members for an auction held by theater group. The Valentine wants to maintain any images for their use. Photographers will need to sign a paper to give their permission to use their prints. Members not wanting to take part will have their images removed from the group of pictures.

The IYP classes were again discussed. The classes will be held in the Conference Center this year and we will accept up to 36 students. Flyers must be ready for Heralding the Holidays and well as Flyers for the Annual Contest.

Mrs. Anderson will send out a copy of last year's Annual Contest folder to the Board Members to print and bring to the November Board Meeting. Members are asked to go over the list of suggestions for the Contest that were compiled during a meeting with Karen Pugh at our April Meeting. A handout was given to each member on hand during this month's board meeting. Please bring them back to the November Board meeting.

Mrs. Anderson had a list of items she needed to share with the group. These were

- Doug Sweet agreed to be chairperson for workers for the Annual Contest. Signup sheets will soon be at General Meetings of the group for workers for the various dates needed to do the Annual Contest.
- Todd Grinonneau and Mrs. Anderson will be Co-Chairpersons for the Annual Contest
- Ribbons, for both the annual and monthly contest will be inventoried and ordered soon
- Decide what we will do about prizes for the Annual Contest, Money is always great.
- Donna will not be able to let us use her laptop with the Microsoft Office Excess needed for the Annual Contest. We need to purchase or see if what we have is comparable

- The Heralding the Holiday signup sheets will be available at the next couple general meetings for workers needed. Mrs. Anderson noted that not as many workers will need to be on hand this year. Last year, too many members were holding private discussions and not paying attention to guests making for a confusing room of too many people.
- Framed pictures that are presently on the walls of the clubhouse need to be taken down and fresh images, framed and identified as to title, maker and cost or NFS label on it before the H the H.
- An inventory of plates, cups, tableware will be conducted soon for the H the H and Annual Christmas Potluck. Items that are needed will be purchased.
- The ladies that decorated the Conference Center last year for our Christmas party agreed to again make this room beautiful this year. They are Roxanne, Marie and Jennifer
- It was suggested that Chicken be added to the menu. The Honey baked ham was not up to standard for the past couple of years. It was voted that we do both. One ham and a couple of buckets of chicken.
- The clubhouse will soon need to have a complete clean up for the Holiday events. An email asking for a volunteer crew will go out. The Anderson and the Rankins are in charge of the cleanup with help.
- At the November Studio Group, They will set up the room to see if it is possible to do something different for Heralding the Holidays.
- Mrs. Anderson reminded the group that the backroom is still not done. It seems that this project has also been in many different hands over the past 3 years and needs to be completed, either by the gardens or us. It needs to be painted, shelves put up and some unused cupboards need to be removed to that the Studio Group Cabinet can be put in that room and locked for insurance and safety measures.

A motion was made to close the meeting at 8:58 by Ben Anderson, seconded by Wennie Anderson

Submitted by

Wennie Anderson

Secretary Of PACT

Any additions, deletions or corrections will appear in the November Board Minutes.

