

MINUTES of ASA Potluck/Membership Meeting – January 25, 2011

Members present were: Arlon Gilliland, Alana Ferrell, Tim Power, Jan Miller, Leoda and Brook Barr, Avette Gaiser, Melanie Kite, Barbara Perry.

We had a great potluck, as always. With only 10 members there, we still had a balanced dinner, with everything from salad to main dishes to pie and ice cream. Please plan to join us next time, February 22.

*The meeting was called to order at 6:25 P.M. By President Arlon Gilliland.

*Get-well cards were circulated for Viki Richardson, who's been in the hospital, and for Pat Thompson who fell and broke her back.

*Thanks to Jan Miller for her excellent and tireless efforts on publicity. To see our ASA blog, go to Newsguard.com and click on "Catches at the Beach."

*Winter classes are now underway with good attendance, except for the evening drawing class that had too few people to hold the class.

*The city is planning a "Learning Feast" for April 3-16, offering a variety of classes, such as organic farming, candy-making, and others. ASA will be represented by two classes, a drawing class led by Arlon, and a mosaics class led by Jan Miller.

*Krista Eddy will be offering a printmaking workshop on April 9 & 10. Saturday will be multiple linoleum prints on rice paper, and Sunday will have larger woodcut prints on rice paper. If you've ever taken a class from Krista, you know she comes prepared with a great plan and a ton of enthusiasm. You can pick up the flyer in the studio, call Krista at 541-992-4292, or email her at freakishlytallgirl@yahoo.com.

*In the past we have not had a set policy regarding fees for special workshops held in the ASA studio. It was unanimously decided that 10% of future workshop fees will go to the ASA.

*We all know that our old building is in serious need of repairs. Arlon has consulted several contractors, but the most promising and reasonable one to date is Ron Hults. He will give us a bid for repairing the windows and entry area, and he can assist us in applying for a loan through Urban Renewal. If we obtain the Urban Renewal loan we should be able to do the necessary building repairs, install a wheelchair ramp, and possibly even make the bathroom handicap accessible.

*Avette pointed out that we might also be able to obtain a grant through the VCB to help with our handicap accessibility projects. Once we get a firm bid we can look into the grant possibility. We agreed that we'd be happy to get all the financial help we can.

*Avette also announced that Wine 101 would like to have artists' work to display in their shop. Contact Lee Gray at Wine 101 for details.

*Arlon would like to get a small committee together, probably 6 people, to help clean out and organize the office and storage areas of the studio to make way for our building improvements. How does March 16 sound? Please check your calendars and call Arlon (541-265-2678) if you can help.

*Speaking of calendars.... Since we can't afford to hire a cleaning service, we all need to pitch in and help keep our studio clean. Each Tuesday will be designated as cleaning day, beginning mid-February. If we alternate with Gallery workers, each of us will only have to take a turn once in a long long while. Leoda Barr volunteered to inventory our cleaning supplies to make sure everything is available. Bill will send out an announcement when he has the calendar ready for scheduling. If you can't help on a Tuesday, Bill can schedule you on a day that works for you. Thanks in advance for helping to keep our studio a nice place to work and to have visitors.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alana Ferrell, acting secretary in Norma Bruncke's absence