

# **CCHHI EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**November 20, 2014**

**2:00pm at the LENS**

**Officers & Committee Chairs Attending:** John Parsons, Jean-Marie Cote, George Fusaro, Fran Hubbell, Natalie Nelson, Vicki Reilly, Robert Rommel, Bill Schmitt and Jim Smeltzer.

In Al Heacox's absence John Parsons called the meeting to order at 2pm. (If there are any changes to the 10/16/14 minutes, please advise Vicki Reilly.)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Education Committee:** Robert Rommel advised attendees that new classes will begin mid to late January. Offerings will include Photoshop Elements and The Great Masters.

**Communications Committee:** In Donna Varner's absence John Parsons reminded attendees of her recent email outlining the guidelines to writing an article with emphasis on timeliness as well as preparing submissions for print.

**Membership Committee:** Fran Hubbell indicated that currently there are 135 members in the Club. Fran continues to notify the proper individuals of new members as they join in order for them to receive all communications. She will continue to email non-renewing individuals (once) that they will be dropped from the mailing lists unless dues are paid.

Fran is going to print all name tags in the same color and identify board members & committee chairs with colored stars. Upon questioning Fran was advised that the following individuals are no longer involved with the Executive Board: Bilsky, Harris, Lewis & Lohere.

**Publicity Committee:** In Edith Wood's absence John Parsons mentioned that the upcoming general membership meeting was publicized in the local newspaper, however, without mention of the speaker or the competition theme which happens to be the routine for the paper.

**LENS/Website:** Bill Schmitt advised attendees that this year no photos with Santa will be taken. Status on Pineland Station remains the same - expected demolition this coming summer.

Bill is working on outreach in conjunction with the annual All Saints Garden Tour conducted each spring. He is suggesting that photos be taken of each garden (6-7 locations), and that a photo book of their own garden is produced as a gift to each participating homeowners. This activity would also serve as an in-kind donation to the church for the use of their facility.

**Competition Committee:** Jean-Marie Cote reported that there was a free workshop offered by himself last night on re-sizing & re-naming images. Eleven individuals attended the two hour tutorial. He indicated that if entries are not submitted as directed on Web the quality of the image could be diminished. Only five entries to-date have been submitted for the Sports theme, but most entries are submitted at the last minute.

Jean-Marie also indicated that the committee is examining how a member progresses from one level to the next with regard to competitions e.g., Novice to Intermediate. Minor changes with respect to the transition may be offered at a later date.

**Treasurer's Report:** John Parsons asked attendees to submit any outstanding receipts to Suzi as she will be traveling the month of December. No treasurer's report was submitted in her absence this month,

**Field Trips:** Jim Smeltzer indicated that thirteen members joined in the field trip to the City of Charleston and the Magnolia Cemetery. The visit was well laid out and attendees enjoyed lunch together. The next field trip will be on December 11 to Old Sheldon Church led by Rich Matheny.

Suggestions for future field trips were solicited by John Parsons. Recommendations included a visit to Beaufort/Port Royal and a sporting event i.e., a middle school basketball game. The field trip in March will focus on astronomy.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Kurtzberg & PSA:** Natalie Nelson agreed to announce at the November meeting that her replacement is needed. She is seeking someone now in order to work with that individual this spring when competition/awards take place. Natalie agreed to work with the Executive Board in other capacities.

**Art League Competition:** John Parsons reported that due to internal problems the League will not be sponsoring a photography exhibition.

**Holiday Party:** John Parsons is handling the arrangements for the Holiday Party to be held Tuesday night December 16 from 7 to 8:30 at the LENS, and will prepare an article for the December newsletter. Former volunteers agreed to help. Since the sweet treats in the past have gone uneaten, snacks will be primarily salty this year. Attendees will be allowed to vote for a maximum of three entries for the Photo of the Year that evening.

A brief discussion took place regarding appropriate time of year to select the photo of the year. Jean-Marie raised the issue as he felt the annual get together in June would be more in line with the meeting dates of the club (September - May). Attendees agreed and the suggestion will be taken under advisement since the Holiday Party is just around the corner.

**Nominating Committee:** John Parsons asked for volunteers to work with him on a slate of candidates for next year. Natalie Nelson & Vicki Reilly volunteered. He indicated that because of their involvement in club activities he would be calling on Robert, Jean-Marie & Bill Schmitt for suggestions.

**Supporting Member Initiative:** Vicki Reilly called on attendees to routinely pass along the names of participants in qualifying club activities to her so that she can identify members once they reach the Supporting Member status (5 activities in at least 3 categories). Starting in January the members attaining this level will be announced each month. Vicki suggested that a pin be awarded recognizing achievement of this goal that can be affixed to his/her name tag. Bill Schmitt stated that 100 lapel pins with club logo can be purchased for \$2.35 a piece. With agreement of attendees Bill & Vicki will pursue purchase.

Vicki will write an article for the January newsletter reviewing initiative.

## **Miscellaneous Items**

**Tri-Club Competition:** John Parsons reported that Sun City will be hosting the event this coming spring, and Rich Matheny is coordinating the competition. Each club will be responsible for picking a judge. Jean-Marie agreed to be the liaison representing CCHHI.

**Honey Horn Exhibit - Lowcountry Through the Lens:** It was suggested that a bin containing matted prints of those images being showcased at the exhibition be available during the show. Bill Schmitt agreed to conduct another workshop on printing & matting photos, and Judie Butchko, a general member of CCHHI, has agreed to manage the bin along with her other duties for the exhibition.

Applications for the exhibition (entry form & check) will be handled as in the past by Fran Hubbell. John will include an announcement in the December newsletter, and Bill will input information on the Website.

Robert Rommel reminded attendees that we now have a PayPal account as set up by Suzi Huizman. It now needs to be hooked up to our Website also.

**First Presbyterian Church Exhibit -** The exhibition will be held over three weeks starting January 7, 2015, at the church. The theme is the lowcountry. There will be no hanging fee nor a formal registration. All images must be framed at a 16x20 size. Thirty-two images will be included and digital images should be submitted to John Parsons in advance for review.

**Member's Show @ Coligny** - Bill Schmitt advised attendees that he only has twenty-three images which were submitted last May. In previous years forty-two to forty-five images were included in the video he produced for showing at the Coligny theater. A decision regarding the future of the endeavor is pending.

The meeting was adjourned at 4pm.

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Reilly, secretary  
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