**OIL CAPITAL CHINA PAINTERS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**February 10, 2017**

**Acting President, Marilyn Miller, welcomed members and began the meeting. Retha Falkenberry gave the prayer. Members present were Marilyn Miller, Carol Tillman, Susan Owen, Kathy Holler-Ryle, Retha Falkenberry, Helen McNabb and Sarah Gomez.**

**Announcement: Lois Higgins is in Texas. Junita Lohr is in Montreau Rehabilitation recuperating from neck surgery. Vertebrae 5 and 6 were fused and a bone spur pressing on the spinal column was repaired. The pain should now disappear. Note: Junita is now home and her niece Lisa will care for her for one week.**

**The November, 2016 minutes submitted by Sarah Gomez were read by Susan Owen. The minutes were approved were several corrections.**

**No Treasurer’s report was given due to the absence of Ila Church.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ADOPT THE WOCP MUSEUM FOR A DAY IN 2017:**

**Lois Higgins moved that Oil Capital China Painters ADOPT the WOCP MUSEUM FOR A DAY for January 7, 2017 in the amount of $53.00.**

**The motion was seconded by Susan Owen and passed.**

**The $53.00 payment should be mailed to WOCP, 2700 N Portland Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73107.**

**OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2017-2018:**

**Susan Owens gave the report for the nominating committee which included Susan Owen, Chairman; Lois Higgins and Sarah Gomez.**

**The nominations presented by the committee for the 2017-2018 Oil Capital China Painters’ officers are:**

**President/Co-Exhibit - Marilyn Miller**

**Vice-President/Co-Exhibit and Programs – Susan Owen**

**Recording/Corresponding Secretary – Carol Tillman**

**Treasurer – Lois Higgins**

**Historian/ Social Chairman – Sarah Gomez**

**Auditor – Ila Church**

**Parliamentarian/Sunshine – Retha Falkenberry**

**Delegates – Retha Falkenberry & Mary Williams**

**Alternate Delegates – Carol Tillman & Kathy Holler-Ryle**

**SUSAN OWEN moved that the slate of officers and delegates submitted by the committee be approved.**

**Helen McNabb seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**TULSA STATE FAIR:**

**Lois Higgins, Marilyn Miller and Susan Owen met with Amanda Bretz with the Tulsa State Fair. Although the overall entries are the same there are some minor changes in wording and combination of categories. One change is the Christmas Ornament category changed to the Holiday Design category, to include any holiday. Another change is the addition of the miscellaneous category.**

**A positive change is that we will have the second Saturday of the fair (October 7, 2017) to demonstrate from opening to closing of the fair. This includes signage on the outside of the building indicating that Porcelain Art is displayed inside. Oil Capital will furnish signage for the demonstration area. At a later date a schedule will be created for the demonstration times.**

**There are 41 categories of entries. This is the second year we have been given to increase participations before more categories are eliminated. Each category needs enough entries to cover the cost of the 1st prize ($10) and the 2nd prize ($8). As soon as the list of categories is posted on the Tulsa State Fair Website as a club we will develop a plan to ensure enough entries in each category.**

**One new category is for the Youth. These pieces will be displayed in the youth division just as the senior citizen division pieces are displayed with the Senior Citizen categories.**

**The fair workers are aware of the time and effort involved in our work and treats our pieces gently. The porcelain art pieces are the first to be put up and the first to be taken down to avoid breakage.**

**Members were reminded that seminar pieces could not be entered in the fair.**

**TRI-STATE CONVENTION:**

**There are still rooms available. Susan has 476 pieces of china for the hospitality bags and Lois has more in her home. Oklahoma will have a display table for the whole state and not for individual clubs. Pieces will not be displayed on Thursday but will be displayed on Friday and Saturday.**

**Maryland China will ship to the Tri-State Convention. All orders must be in by March 21, 2017, to Maryland China and may be picked up at the convention. If you will not be there and have an order be sure to arrange for someone to pick up the order for you.**

**OIL CAPITAL CHINA PAINTERS DUES:**

**Oil Capital China Painters dues of $55.00 should be mailed or given to Ila Church before April 14, 2017. Ila’s address is Ila Church, 4836 South 67th East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74145. Ila must have the dues to OKWOCP INC’s treasurer, Sharan Amend, with any corrections to address, telephone numbers and email addresses BEFORE May 15, 2017. Sarah Gomez will email a form for each member to fill out with this updated information and forward the information to Ila. Note: Members present today have already filled out this form.**

**MEETING DATES FOR 2017-2018:**

**After discussion among the club members, Sarah Gomez moved that Marilyn Miller, our incoming president, secure the library space for dates for the first Friday of each Month except September which will be the second Friday due to the Labor Day Holiday. If those dates are unavailable the second Friday of each month will be secured.**

**First Friday Dates:**

**(2017) Summer Luncheon-July 7; September 8; October 6th; November 3rd; December 1st; (2018) January 5th; February 2nd; March 2nd; April 6th; May 4th.**

**Second Friday Dates:**

**(2017) Summer Luncheon- July 14th; September 8th; October 13; November 10th; December 8th.**

**(2018) January 12th; February 9th; March 9th; April 13th; May 11th.**

**The motion was seconded by Retha Falkenberry. The motion passed.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**SHARON SCHOLZ SEMINAR FOR JUNE, 2017:**

**Lois Higgins gathered eight (8) votes through email to contract with Sharon Scholz for a “Roses and Grapes” Seminar on June 18, 19, and 20, 2017, at $250.00 per day plus travel expenses, which will be estimated later. Travel cost to and from Denver, Colorado (driving) may be shared with the Kansas girls who are having a seminar with Sharon also.**

**The estimated costs at this time are $750 for three days for 8 to 10 students and an estimated $120 in travel expenses. Note: Sharon typically charges $12 per student for travel. This is a total of $870 in total cost.**

**Since the dates include Father’s Day Susan will ask Sharon to start the seminar on the 19th. Susan will host Sharon during the time she will be in Tulsa.**

**There were 8 yes votes and 0 no votes. This is in accordance with the ByLaws, Article V, Section D, of Oil Capital China Painters; the motion passed.**

**CLUB PORTIONS OF THE SHARON SCHOLZ SEMINAR:**

**SARAH GOMEZ MOVED that due to the financial situation for Oil Capital China Painters the current members should be allowed to use their earned points for the Sharon Scholz seminar in June, 2017, using the guidelines listed below. The points system will be cancelled after the Scholz seminar in June, 2017.**

**5-9 points: 50% Club / 50% Student**

**10-19 points: 60% Club / 40% Student**

**20+ points: 75% Club / 25% Student**

**The motion was seconded by Retha Falkenberry. The motion passed. Members will be asked to pay a $50 deposit at the March meeting with the balance due by May 30, 2017. Sarah will prepare a worksheet showing each members cost for the seminar based on the above points system.**

**Lois recommends that we encourage new members to take the class with this great artist because they will learn so much.**

**MAY INSTALLATION LUNCHEON IN MAY, 2017:**

**The installation luncheon will be a Hawaiian Luau at Tana Park’s home at noon on May 27, 2017. This is the weekend of the Memorial Day holiday.**

**UPDATE ON DORIS HARRIS ESTATE:**

**Carol Tillman reported that Doris’ items are at Susan Whitley’s shop on consignment. There have been no results reported yet. Carol Tillman and Barbra Williams took some of Doris’ nice pieces to the museum. One especially nice plaque to honor Doris’ contributions to china painting was painted by Helen McNabb and lettered by Ramona Currier.**

**UPDATE ON MEMBER’S HEALTH:**

**Janie Thiry was feeling really bad and found out her pacemaker’s battery was completely dead. She will have a new pacemaker and a sleep study done to improve her condition. Kathy Holler-Ryle is feeling better and was able to join the meeting today. Junita should improve if she follows doctor’s orders. Ila is feeling ill but she doesn’t believe it is the flu. Sarah is waiting for an appointment with the cardiologist to address her shortness of breath.**

**THE MEETING IS ADJOURNED at 3:10 p.m.**

**The guest artist for February 10, 2017, is Susan Owen who will be demonstrating frogs.**

**DISPLAY PIECES:**

**Carol Tillman displayed a tray with a frog painted by Joanie Allen; Retha Falkenberry displayed a covered box with baby roses; Helen displayed several pieces with frogs on them; Marilyn Miller displayed a lotion dispenser with pink roses; and Susan Owen displayed a tall vase of many frogs of different colors.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Sarah Gomez**

**Recording/Corresponding Secretary**

**Oil Capital China Painters**