**OKLAHOMA WORLD ORGANIZATION OF CHINA PAINTERS INC.**

**A nonprofit organization**

**MINUTES**

**JANUARY 16, 2016**

**The Oklahoma World Organization of China Painters Inc (“OK WOCP INC”) Quarterly Board Meeting was convened on January 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the WOCP Museum Headquarters by Susan Owen, President.**

 **Lois Higgins offered a prayer.**

 **Rollcall by Corporate Secretary, Sarah Gomez, with 19 voting Members present and 3 nonvoting Members present with 22 total Members in attendance. Ten (10) of the 14 Oklahoma Clubs were represented. Quorum is 15 voting members so the quorum is met.**

 **Minutes of September 19, 2015 meeting was read by Sarah Gomez and approved.**

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

**Sharan Amend, Treasurer, gave the OK WOCP INC Financial Report. A copy of the report is attached. The beginning balance is $7,927.01 with Deposits of $1,528.00 and expenses of $652.14. The ending balance is $8,802.87.**

 **Jeralee McNeal was absent and there was not OK WOCP INC Educational Fund Report.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BY-LAWS: Lois Higgins handed out copies of the proposed BY-LAWS which are needed because of our non-profit status. Lois announced that a meeting of the club presidents and herself will be held at the museum on Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 1 p. m. On February 8, 2016 a final copy of the BY-LAWS will be posted on the website. This final revision will be submitted for a vote at the April Annual Meeting.**

**YEARBOOK: Sarah Gomez requested that the treasurer make two copies of the members list to be sent to the new Yearbook person and the Webmaster. Previously both positions were held by Sarah and only one copy was needed.**

**WEBMASTER: Sarah Gomez requested more photos and information from the clubs. Approximately 3000 people have visited the web side in the last thirty days. Susan Owen, President, said she was getting several calls because of the website.**

**EXTENTION AND MEMBERSHIP: No new members reported. Susan Owen reported that Carol Harryman of Fort Gibson contacted her after visiting our website. She has two students and is planning to drive to Tulsa to the Oil Capital China Painters meetings. Beverly Armstrong suggested we post information about our clubs on Facebook to gain more exposure.**

**FINE ARTS: Fillis Newman reported that although we have fewer pieces this year the entries were of exceptional quality. Fillis thanked all who participated and encouraged more participation for next year’s fair.**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The new nominating committee is Le Yeats, Chairman, Nancy Lepak, and Bonnie Sharp. They will work to fill the 2016-2017 President Elect and the slate of officers for the 2017-2018 year.**

**PAULINE SALYER FOUNDERS AWARD: Thelma Ingram, Chairman, reviewed the qualifications for this award that honors our founder Pauline Salyer.**

* **The applicant must be an active member of the OK WOCP INC.**
* **The applicant must have participated in an Oklahoma fair project.**
* **The applicant must have been a member of the OK WOCP INC organization for 5 years.**

**Thelma said the applicant must be emailed or mailed to her by February 1, 2016.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**TRISTATE CONVENTION:**

**Thelma Ingram reported that Kansas voted to not join Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas for the 2017 convention.**

**Missouri has changed presidents and Arkansas’s president will not take office until September. A location for the convention has not been chosen but some places being considered are Tulsa, Oklahoma; Miami, Oklahoma; Joplin, Missouri; and Branson, Missouri. The dates being considered are the weekend before Easter or the weekend after Easter. Pat Dickerson volunteered to look into facilities in Miami. Thelma indicated that we are looking for about 6500 square feet.**

**APRIL 8-9, 2016 PAINTING RETREAT:**

 **Susan Owen announced the drawing for the free painting seminar fee would be at noon. The cost of a ticked is $6 or three (3) tickets for $15.**

 **Susan encouraged the members to sign up for the painting retreat. She passed out a schedule of events for the event. The Thursday night reception will feature finger foods and a PJ Parade with prizes for the most original, the most elegant, and the funniest categories. The reception is included in the seminar fee. To attend only the reception you must reserve you space in advance with a $15 fee. The banquet fee is $35 and must be reserved in advance. The banquet is entitled, “The Queen of Hearts.” Susan encouraged all to wear their “bling.” At the banquet will be a short board meeting, awards, installation of officers, and china bingo.**

 **It is hoped that the club tables can be set up on Wednesday night. The hotel will let us know closer to the event date.**

 **Booths for the April retreat are $20 each. The fee is due March 16, 2016.**

 **Susan Owen passed out a list of suggested themes for the club baskets for the April 8-10, 2016 OK WOCP INC Painting Retreat. A copy of this handout is attached.**

 **List of Themes chosen by Clubs: Oil Capital China Painters – “Cookie Basket”; OK WOCP INC Teacher’s Club – “Drink Me Basket”; Sooner Porcelain Artists – “ Birthday Basket”; Humdingers – “ Flower Basket”; Edmond Porcelain Artists – “Caterpillar Basket”; and Leisure China Painters – “White Rabbit Basket.”**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**WORLD ORGANIZATION OF CHINA PAINTERS DUES:**

 **Lois Higgins reported that the World Organization of China Painters’ dues will be increased from $27 to $40 per year. The increase in dues is needed because the organization has been operating at a loss for several years.**

**MOTION:**

 **The following motion was made by Lois Higgins and seconded by Junita Lohr:**

 **I move that in OK WOCP INC By-laws, Standing Rule al, the WOCP Dues be changed from $27.00 to $40.00, effective January, 2016 in accordance with the recent increase of annual dues by WOCP.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

**After a discussion the decision was made to keep the OKWOCP INC dues at $5 per year.**

**ADOPT THE MUSEUM FOR A DAY:**

 **Susan Schmidt reported on the promotion that asks each club and/or member to adopt the museum for a day at $53 per day. This money will help to cover the operational cost of the museum.**

 **Susan Owen, President, suggested the OKWOCP INC adopt a day to encourage participation.**

**MOTION:**

 **The following motion was made by Shirley Weston and seconded by Anita Kantowski:**

 **I move that the OKWOCP INC organization adopt the day of September 17, 2016 in honor of our non-profit status which was awarded on September 17, 2013.**

 **MOTION PASSED.**

 **Susan Schimdt also gave a report on the promotion of the museum and china painting as an art.**

**NEW MUSEUM LOCATION:**

 **Nancy Lepak reported that the search for a new location for the museum is underway. A bid has been made on a location at 2700 N Portland that has 7,125 square feet. More information will be coming later. Nancy assured the board that the moving of the china would be done by professionals and not volunteers.**

**BOOTH HOLDERS:**

 **Booth Holders for the April 8-10, 2016 OK WOCP INC Painting Retreat are Pat Dickerson and Oil Capital China Painters.**

**MUSEUM BALLOTING COMMITTEE:**

 **The museum balloting committee at the April 8-10, 2016 OK WOCP INC Painting Retreat will be Pat Dickerson, Retha Falkenberry, and Anita Kantowski.**

**LUNCH:**

 **Susan Owen offered a “thank you” to all clubs who helped provide lunch.**

**She emphasized that the $7 fee for the lunch was a fund raiser for the OK WOCP INC.**

 **Susan showed a piece donated by Sharon Snook for a silent auction at the April painting retreat.**

**Susan Owen adjourned the meeting at 11:40 am.**

**By unanimous action the Board confirmed, approved and ratified all actions taken by the officers of OK WOCP INC and resolved that all such acts and actions were duly authorized and were therefore ratified and confirmed as acts and actions on behalf of OK WOCP INC.**

**Meeting was adjourned.**

 **Sarah Gomez**

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 **Sarah Gomez, Corporate Secretary**

**The Undersigned, being an officer of OK WOCP INC, does hereby consent to all action taken at said meeting as reflected in the forgoing minutes.**

**Dated: September 19, 2015**

**Susan Owen, President**

**Oklahoma World Organization of China Painters, Inc.**