

December 9, 2023

Our regularly scheduled monthly meeting was December 9, 2023. Twenty people were in attendance.

June Longnecker gave the treasurer's report as follows:

Balance forward	\$1,679.46
Membership dues collected	150.00
50/50	26.00
Sub total	1,855.46
Dawn Baldacchino	25.00
Checkbook balance	1,830.46
Education Fund	262.00
Available funds	1,578.46

Carolyn announced that our January meeting will be held at the new location at 2214 Bates Avenue, Carver Park Recreation Department Building, in the Garden Room. Nina Vetter who works with the Young Peoples Theater at the Bay Street Players will be speaking to us about the program. Address and map handouts were made available.

Carolyn suggested that we consider contributing more funds to the Young Peoples Theater at the Bay Street Players (currently approximately \$300). Discussion ensued. A decision concerning a final amount total was deferred to the January meeting.

Verla Goudy reported that we have 26 paying members. With your membership, each individual is encouraged to submit to the website a biography along with a picture, as well as photographs of your work. These should be sent to Marvyn Rivett at marvynrivett@mac.com. The website should also be consulted concerning information updates as well as meeting reminders.

We heard from our February Show Committee — Verla Goudy, Administration and Mary Ramirez, Promotion and Publicity. Mary distributed a two page information sheet with pertinent information membership needs to know about the February, 2024 show. These same two pages will be available on the website in the form of a pdf. Mary discussed posters, our ad that will appear in the January Bay Street Players playbill, as well as the fact that we will also have a “thank you” ad in the March playbill. The Bay Street Players management has been generous with the Eustis Art League in assistance with promotion, of which we are very grateful.

Verla stressed that the maximum size for entries is 16x20, including frame. All entries must be wired properly, no saw tooth hangers acceptable. There will be no categories. The judge will look for originality and technique, to name two. There will be five ribbons awarded — 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best in Show and People's Choice. Honorable Mention Ribbon(s) may be considered. Questions were asked and discussed.

There were two winning tickets in the 50/50 draw. A \$50 gift certificate donated by Jenny Harper to Jenny Harper Studio was won by Debbie Cabrera, and \$45 was won by Louise Gardella.

Debbie Cabrera presented the meet the author — Roger Bansemer. He is a favorite of both she and Dan. Roger's mediums include water color, oil, and acrylic. He currently resides in FL and has authored several

books including Journey to the Titanic, Southern Shores, Mountains in the Mists, and FL Lighthouses. He has done murals in a number of cities in FL and is available for viewing on U-Tube.

June Longnecker gave the inspiration and spoke about how she became interested in paper making. She showed paper she had made with horsehair and dandelions to name two. She also showed a hand stitched paper wallet — even a wedding invitation. From her hand made paper she has fashioned a tiny church and a two story dwelling, right down to individual shingles on the roof.

The remainder of the meeting was a Holiday Social of gift exchange and shared enjoyment of food provided by the members.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Davenhall, Secretary

Please let me know if I have anything wrong or have omitted something that should be included.