

**Virginia Watercolor Society
Annual General Meeting
May 21, 2016**

Call to Order-

Gwen Bragg called the AGM to order at 10:01. She expressed appreciation to 37th VWS Chairpersons- Bill Andersen and Leslie Belvin and their committee members.

State Officers were recognized-

- Lynn Hosegood, Treasurer
- Karen Schwartz, Membership and Webmaster
- William Frable and Jean Miller, Editors
- Susan Stoller, Creasy-Johnson Fund

Area reps were recognized as well.

Minutes-

Gwen asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was made and seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

Reports-

Treasurer Report- Lynn Hosegood (see attached Treasurer's report)

- Operating Account- \$52,402.32
- Creasy-Johnson Account (overage from Exhibition Committee minus seed money annually) - \$13,263.67
- Robert C. Carter Account- \$18,961.66

Membership Report- Karen Schwartz

332 members currently which includes 15 Life memberships and 34 new members. 328 members last year. Members are encouraged to check their emails and spam folders for membership notifications. Deadline due date for membership is January 31st or by the due date for art entry.

Creasy-Johnson Fund Report- given by Brenda Hounshell for Susan Stoller

The board granted four requests this year:

- \$1000 Thomas Jefferson Middle School – watercolor classes
- \$750 Swanson School in Arlington- 500 students involved in watercolor classes taught by a visiting art teacher
- \$1000 – adult watercolor classes with goal of fostering an understanding of watercolor media.

- \$1000 - Dominion High School 10-11th grade students instructed in watercolor and monies also went toward art supplies.

Total amount distributed- \$3757.28

Creasy-Johnson Fund Balance- \$13,058.00

Approved- Requests from college students in Virginia for Virginia schools for scholarship grants in watercolor media. Check the requirements. Establishing a deadline date soon.

Waterlogue Editor's Report – none

37th Annual VWS Chairperson's report- Leslie Belvin and Bill Andersen

Welcome to all

Recognition- Kay Van Dyke, AoM; Ann Brooks, volunteer; Pam Doss, Bay School Executive Director; Betsy Henderson, AoM Executive Director and 37th Annual VWS Committee members, David Evans, Treasurer; Carol Negus-Rosenfeld, Publicity; Wanda Friend, Fundraising, Pam Doss, Bay School Executive Director; Connie Fulton, Awards.

Old Business-

Voted to amend the bylaws which were published in the Waterlogue - Provisional Membership (please see attached). The vote was unanimous to accept

Eligible Work Clarification- Voted on by the board. Was not in the prospectus this year but will be included next year (see attached).

New Business-

38th Annual VWS Exhibition Report - Julie Read

- The exhibit dates are October 13th 2017 through January 14th 2018 at the Shenandoah Valley Museum in Winchester. The exhibition will be treated like a regular exhibition in the museum.
- July 1st, 2017 is deadline for entries.
- Mike Bailey will be juror and workshop artist.
- Roanoke is the proposed host for the 39th Annual VWS Exhibition for 2018.

Adjourned- 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Belvin, VWS Acting Secretary

2016 Exhibition Co-chairperson