

The February 28, 2015 meeting of the Decorative Artist Club was called to order by president Mary Tougas at 9:30 with 16 members and one guest in attendance.

The meeting was started with show and tell. Items shown were Sonja's beautifully painted memory boxes, Carole's Pastels, and Mary's Colored Pencil. Carole was also congratulated for her pattern featured in the Decorative Artist National magazine.

The Secretary's Minutes and the Treasurer's Report were approved.

Committee Reports as follows:

Workshops: Pat discussed March and April's Workshop with Maria Louisa and upcoming workshops planned.

Membership: Sandy brought up if there was a need for chapter membership cards. After discussion, the group voted against chapter cards.

Ways and Means: A discussion was held regarding changing the current Ways and Means Raffle to a 50-50 raffle. A motion was made by Roberta and Seconded by Peggy. It was decided to go ahead with the 50-50 raffle at all meetings except the November meeting where we will have a birthday raffle. Everyone would bring a raffle bag that month and everyone would go home with a bag.

Sunshine: Ruth was asked to send a get well card to past member Michelle.

Publicity: Mary mentioned that she had ordered 50 S.D.P. brochures to hand out. She also mentioned making ODA Business Cards for everyone to hand out as advertisement. Carole agreed to work up a design using the chapter's horseshoe logo. Mary mentioned that we have the Belleview Library in October for displaying our art work.

New Business: Mary suggested forming an Education committee. She suggested that each meeting contain a 5 to 10 minute presentation regarding painting techniques, brushes, artists, and mediums. Barb volunteered to send a sheet around asking for ideas and subjects to cover. Members will be asked to share their expertise and give a presentation.

Sharon asked the group if we were going to continue to have the club purchase the anniversary necklaces. She had the stones and would volunteer to make these if the club purchased the necklaces. The club voted to continue giving the anniversary necklaces.

Sharon suggested increasing the workshop instructor's fee from \$75.00 to \$100. It was decided that this should go to the board for discussion and a motion would then come back to the membership for a vote.

Carole made the motion that the \$25. Gift card that is given out at the Christmas Party be eliminated. Sharon Seconded the motion and club voted in favor of eliminating the gift card. More discussion was held on the Christmas Party and Basket. The subject was tabled for further discussion at another meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 followed by a workshop by Sharon Poorman.

Respectfully submitted Lou White Secretary