Tour Committee Minutes September 8, 2025

Present: Veronique, Carrie, Pat, Sue, Lori, Shirley

Lori reported there are 14 confirmed and paid registrations; four of these will need studios. Membership closes September 30. Carrie reported there are several new members to the art league; at least one of them has registered for the tour as well. Carrie is also having discussions with others about registering for the tour. Each of us should continue efforts to find artists to reach our goal of 30 artists.

The Board had decided there would be no more than three artists per host site for this year's tour. One artist who has previously hosted said she will not participate in the tour unless she can have four artists at her location; no other artists have requested an exception. The committee discussed the reasoning for the limit of three and whether or not we should make an exception for this individual. While we don't want to lose a potential artist in the tour, we are also aware of the negative consequences of making an exception for one individual. After discussing the pros and cons at length, we voted on the issue; the vote was a tie. Veronique proposed that we deal with the issue by arranging a meeting between the artist, Veronique, and Shirley: Veronique will arrange the meeting.

The group discussed the issues resulting from the tour no longer being organized and funded separately from other art league activities. For example, sponsors will now be funding the art league, not just the tour and all members will be responsible for recruiting sponsors, not just the artists. There was unanimous agreement that a letter be sent to all members explaining why this changed and how this change impacts them individually. It was also agreed that sponsors need to understand that they will now be sponsoring the art league and all that the league encompasses, not just the art tour. It was agreed the letter to members needs to be sent as soon as possible; Carrie will work on distribution of a letter.

A meeting will need to be planned to discuss signage for the tour. Nancy has some signs at her house, other signs are with Susan Harding. Veronique will be scheduling a future meeting to discuss issues related to signage.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 15 at 8 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Shirley Anderson