Chewelah Arts Guild

March 15, 2022

Attending: Indi, Traci, Suzanne, Gail, Geno, Diane k, Leslie, Diane E, Cindy, and four guests - Chris Lewalder, Jane Branda, Cori, and Dani.

1. Minutes: Motion Leslie/Gail to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.
2. Treasurer’s report: Motion Leslie/Geno to accept the treasurer’s report. Motion passed.
3. Correspondence: A person wrote inquiring who gives pottery and watercolor lessons. Who do we refer people to who need help in finding a class? Do we create a list or artists who teach classes? The Creative District is in the process of making a list of artists, so maybe we can refer inquiries to their list.
4. Scott Schlaffman is retiring from the radio station and moving to Maine to live with one of his daughters. Joe Wulczynski is hosting a ‘roast’ for Scott at the radio station on April 2, at 4:00, after the Home and Garden Show.
5. Home and Garden Show: We will have a booth at the show at Gess Elementary. Volunteers are needed to set up, man the booth, and take down. The show opens at 10:00 on April 2. Set up will begin at 8:00 that morning. The booth will need two long tables and one short one. Chairs will be available at the school. Tom will bring the tables. Diane K will meet Tom at the storage unit and help with the tables. Traci will help with set-up and work in the morning. Suzanne will work at 11:00. Diane E will work in the afternoon and help take down. Indi will work the morning shift and have a hands-on activity for visitors to the booth. Diane E will work the afternoon shift from 1:00 to 3:00 and help take down the booth. Leslie will bring photos of Art Shows to display in the booth. Membership applications and Children’s Art Festival cards will be available at the booth.
6. Pencil Drawing Contest: A total of 79 drawings were submitted, which is a large number for this event. The drawings will be displayed in the Chewelah Library until April 2. The library did an awesome job of displaying the drawings. Schools participating were Valley, Loon Lake, Summit Valley, Springdale, Quartzite Learning, and Gess Elementary. Winners were awarded ‘Chamber Bucks’. Diane K and Cindy did a fantastic job of co-chairing the event!!! Diane K took photos of the drawings.
7. Scholarship: Suzanne reported that no one had applied for the Arts Guild scholarships so far. The applications are online. Schools have been notified of the scholarships.
8. Children’s Art Festival: This year’s festival will be on July 16-17 in the Chewelah Park. StageTime Theatre will be rehearsing for its performance at the show during the previous week.
9. Art Show: Leslie reported that the show was well-attended and that the exhibits were beautifully displayed. The show made money. After the bills were paid for advertising and rent of the gym, there was money left over because of the prices paid for the auction items and the donations. Another great job by Leslie and crew!
10. Membership: Diane E reported that eight new members registered for membership at the Art Show, which is the most ever for this event.
11. Violist: Cindy reported that the violist who had inquired about presenting a show here in Chewelah has cancelled.
12. Election: Indigo will continue as president. Diane E will continue as treasurer, with Diane K, as the assistant treasurer, and Geno Ludwig was re-elected as secretary. Our new vice president is Traci Manley.
13. PACA: Geno reported that siding is now being put on the new storage addition to the building, and that new roofing will be added next when whether improves. The fund raising project to stucco the outside of the building has so far raised half of the money needed. Almost all weekend dates for use of the building have been calendared for 2022. StageTime Theatre’s show of “Matilda” is in final rehearsals. Park Avenue Players is beginning to rehearse “Sweet Delilah Swim Club”. Recent shows have been sold out. Several new people are becoming involved in the theatre. The quality of the shows has vastly improved.
14. Creative District: Indi reported that the organization is expecting to receive a large capital grant that will be used for three new murals and other projects. Some older murals need to be repainted. The Creative District now has an office in the Third Street Mall. Local artists are eager to meet together and to form an artist’s co-op.
15. Pecha Kucha: It is planned that we will host a Pecha Kucha on the opening night of the Chewelah Brewery sometime in April. The Brewery is now closed for the installing new equipment that should be completed early next month.
16. Quilt Show: Diane E reported that the annual Quilt Walk will be in May.

Respectfully submitted,

Geno Ludwig

(still the secretary!!!)