

Decorative Arts Society Board Meeting
Thursday, May 5, 2017
Newport Harbor Yacht Club
Lunch hosted for Board Members by Maureen as a Wrap-Up Meeting and Luncheon
Meeting Minutes, submitted by Kim Donahue

Important Upcoming Dates:

July: Underwriting Letters mailed

September 7: Invitations mailed to membership

September 28: Board Meeting

October 9: Reception to kick off our 23rd Season

October 10: Lecture with the Gianetti's from Patina Farms

Members Present: Sandra Ayres, Cathi Bledsoe, Diane Cannon, Ann Dennis, Elana Donovan, Kim Donahue, Brenda Eastman, Laraine Eggleston, Carolyn Garrett, Adrienne Garrison, Barbara Glabman, Madeline Hayward, Mary Anna Jeppe, Maureen Madigan, Bonnie McClellan, Shelby Rigg, Carole Steele, Amy Trepus

Members Absent: Hyla Berteau, Madeline Hayward, Sharon Henwood, Cecilia Nott, Marion Palley, Linda Phillips

President's Report:

- Maureen encouraged everyone to send a thank you note to Julia Argyros for her generous donation. The Mark Sikes luncheon held on May 3 was a huge success.
- Board Member Cecilia Nott is moving to Texas. Her Corresponding Secretary responsibilities will need to be taken over by another Board Member.

Membership:

- Maureen suggested the possibility of an additional level of membership, titled Associate Patron. The annual fee would be \$450, which includes all lectures and attendance at the first reception.
- Everyone agreed that allowing members to bring a guest for free at the last lecture was a great idea. It was suggested to do this again, but to schedule it for the first lecture of the year, instead of the last. This would encourage new members to join for the upcoming season. This will be addressed at next season's Board Meetings.

Treasurer's Report:

- Sandra reported that we received \$545 commission from Cameron Silver. We have not received a check yet from A'Maree's.

- Sandra presented an updated budget. Cathi requested to increase the website budget from \$800 to \$1500 to make a new and improved website over the summer. This was voted on and accepted unanimously. Maureen will work with Cathi on the new website design.
- Sandra made a motion to move the funds that are now held in the Morgan Stanley account to our main account at US Bank. This was voted on and approved unanimously.

Special Events: Ann read an emailed letter from Michael and Mark Sikes, thanking us for hosting the Beautiful luncheon. Mark posted a video of the room and the event on his blog.

Receptions: Carole reported that there are approximately 30 people who RSVP to each reception, but do not attend. There are typically between 150-165 people who attend each reception. However, the March reception had a low attendance of 114 people.

Grants: Barbara is coordinating the Grants Luncheon on Wednesday, June 7, at the Pacific Club. This is one of the highlights of our year, so please send your check for \$30 to Barbara. It was suggested to have this annual luncheon be a mandatory event for all Board Members.

Additional Reports: Mary Anna encouraged members to use David Smith, at Kenny the Printer, who underwrote the printing for the Mark Sikes luncheon on May 3, at a cost of \$2,000. He has a wonderful “give back” program for non profit organizations. If anyone or any business uses Kenny the Printer for their printing needs and designates Decorative Arts Society as their “non-profit of choice”, we will receive 5% of the dollars spent, and there is no cap on spending. This company does a wonderful job, is competent, creative and very easy to work with.