

Brooks Museum League Membership Meeting

February 2, 2018

Call to Order – President, Donna Cohen called the meeting to order.

Minutes – It was moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the Dec. 2nd meeting.

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer – Anita Curry-Jackson, Assistant Treasurer, in the absence of Treasurer, Maureen Conley, gave both reports. (See insert). It was moved and seconded that both reports be accepted and filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary – Connie Kapner reported that she had sent cards acknowledging the deaths of Honorary Members Eleanor Pelts and Mary Ann Cox. She plans to send cards to Lynda Brockway and Jodi Varner.

Mid-South Scholastic – In Becky Barton's absence, Donna read a note from Becky expressing thanks to all who have worked to make Mid-South Scholastic a success. She reported a donation total of \$13,510, of which \$13,200 was awarded in scholarships and awards to students. She thanked Amy Foote for her work and told of the 650 invitations that have been sent out for the Awards Program.

- **Awards Program** – Mary Reed added to Becky's report by saying that the value of the scholarships being awarded to students is \$80,000.
- **Volunteers** – Margaret Cardwell informed the group that she still needs volunteers to fill vacancies for Mid-South Scholastic shifts. She plans to send out an email with remaining shifts to be filled.
- **Medals/Awards** – Carroll Ann Pera reported that the awards are almost ready.

Tea and Tour – Mary Ellen McDow said that the next Tea and Tour is March 1st. Donna Cohen asked that Mary Ellen take some pictures to use on our website.

New Member – Mary Belenchia encouraged members to take the red invitation cards for the League to try to interest ladies/gentlemen to join the League. She reminded us that we only have 3 new members this year.

Program – Carroll Ann Pera said that there have been some changes to the programs for meetings in the coming months. In March, Ray Rico will present website training for the membership. Emily Neff remains as the speaker for the April meeting and Tom Lee, DAT president will speak at the End of the Year Luncheon in May.

Travel – Pat Westland has arranged for members to go to The Peabody for High Tea on March 8 at 1:00 pm. The cost will be \$35.00. She asked that members sign up after the meeting. She encouraged members to bring a guest .

Special Events –Eartha Reaves thanks everyone for helping to make the Christmas luncheon a success. 34 people attended. She said that the end of the year luncheon will also be at Chickasaw Country Club on May 4th.

Luncheon – Donna reminded members that a reservation had been made for lunch at Café Society following the tour of the Scholastic Art Exhibit,

Newsletter- In Barbara Tiscia’s absence, Donna reminded everyone of the 10th of the month deadline for Newsletter items.

Old Business – In a review of the Front Desk Volunteer Program Penny Belbin-Popow sent a report based on feedback that she had received. In it she indicated that she would report to Kathy Dumlao that there was not enough traffic during the lunch time break to warrant Brooks League members continuing to man the front desk and that she would recommend to Kathy that the staff fill in for each other during the lunch hour.

Website – Donna Cohen told members that the website address is brooksmuseumleaguememphis.org It will cost \$250 per year for Ray Rico to maintain it. She said that when you log onto the website, in the top right of the screen there is a Members Log In. The Username is BML-Member and the Password is Brooks2018. She also said that this information will be sent to all members.

New Business – Donna Cohen reminded members that 2018 is the year to review the bylaws of the League. As an example she cited the fact that the duties of the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer have changed. The chair person for this task is the Parliamentarian. Volunteers are needed to serve on this committee

Nominating Committee – Donna Cohen mentioned two volunteers are needed from the general membership to serve on this committee. Some from the Board have already volunteered. The committee will be headed by vice president, Penny Belbin-Popow. Christy Buck and Carroll Ann Pera volunteered to serve on the committee. Board members It was also noted that Anita Curry-Jackson and Connie Kapner volunteered at last week’s Board to serve on the committee.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned to tour the Mid-South Scholastic Exhibit.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Gaerig

Acting Recording Secretary