

Grand Rapids Camera Club
Board Meeting
November 8, 2023

Members in Attendance: Russ Barneveld, Mike Bergeon, Richard Coombs, Jack Eichner, Kathy Kendall, Della Landheer, Jan Lewis, Shealyn McGee Sarns, Christine Mooney, Steve Port, Ruth Thornton, Jeanne Quillan.

Meeting called to order by Jeanne Quillan, President pro tem at 7:08 pm.

September Minutes: Della Landheer

- Motion made by Kathy Kendall, seconded by Jack Eichner to accept both the Sept. 13 regular meeting minutes and the Oct. 11 special meeting minutes. Approved.

Vice Presidents Report: Jeanne Quillan

- The 2024 budget will be presented to the board in January.
- December meeting: Jan will bring on hand paper goods to serve treats and will ask Evie Carrier to help serve. An announcement will be made to members to bring finger food to share.

Treasurer and Membership Reports: Christine Mooney, Treasurer

- Checking account balance is \$10,247.02. Paypal balance is \$119.34 for a total balance of \$10,366.36. Equipment fund balance is \$1,910.61 and is included in the total balance.
- Total members 2023 to date: 95. 17 did not renew. 3 new members in September, 2 new members in October.

Fundraiser Report: Della/Christine

- \$2,034.79 collected.
- 15 current members donated (8 are board members), 2 members donated twice. One non-member donated.
- Allocation of funds donated in the drive: Funds to be kept separate, designated as 2023 Fund Raiser. To be used in differing ways.

VP Competition Report: Jeanne Quillan

- November judges: Mike Bergeon, Evie Carrier, Becky Humes.
- Yearend competition: Jan is working with GVA to confirm the use of their room Jan. 27, 2024 for EOY judging. Sheen Watkins will be asked to judge, Shea and Russ will seek two others they know.
- EOY quantity of allowed digital entries will be the same as last year (4 per category). Assigned is a separate category. Print quantities to be determined, dependent on number of entries.
- Yearend banquet: cake and punch probably preferred vs. pizza. Tabled for now.
- PSA interclub: Jeanne has images ready to send in.

VP Programs Report: Russ Barneveld

- Upcoming programs: Mike Bergeon presenting in November. December is photo critiquing. January is Scavenger Hunt. March, April and May are open. Russ working on many ideas for possible workshops and programs like night shooting, light painting, sports and photo journalism. Mini programs will be shown in June. Russ's Zoom meetings will start again in January.
- Jack: checked Ada and Cascade Libraries for possible exhibits. Ada has area for exhibits. Cascade closed 6 months for renovation. Caledonia library a possibility, Jack will visit there. Russ talked to Sarah (GVA) who manages Lowell library, she will keep GRCC in mind when there's an opening. New library in Jenison, Richard says they may be interested in an exhibit, he will pursue.
- Jan reminded us outreach committee talked about printing a new promotion piece. Shea is willing to put an eye-catching piece together.

Digital Coordinator: Shea

- Jan and Shea sharing duties to maintain website.

New Business:

- Café Press will be removed from website due to being obsolete.
- New GRCC logo? Tabled for now. A decision should be made before more literature is printed.
- Jeanne says there's been no response to the program suggestion box being available at two monthly meetings, she will continue to mention it and make the box accessible.
- Membership Outreach Committee Document: one suggestion was judge training. Jeanne working on further training. Jan suggests and others agree the board should keep reviewing items in the document to keep moving on suggestions from members. Perhaps send the questionnaire out again in May to determine results of efforts that have been put forth and changes made so far.
- Jan asks if it's too early to bring up membership dues. Jeanne will begin announcements. Advantage to paying early is, dues are covered now through 2024.

Kathy made motion to adjourn the meeting, Shea seconded, all agreed. Meeting adjourned at 9:46.

Minutes submitted by Della Landheer, Secretary