

PARKLAND ART LEAGUE November 2025 MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Deb Haaf started the meeting at 7:03pm

WELCOME: 18 people were present. Welcome new members and guests, Bradley Clark and Dean Rumpella

SECRETARY REPORT: Minutes for the April, 2025 meeting were mailed to members before and approved as read.

Deb asked the Recording Sec. if there were any corrections to the September minutes? There were none. Minutes from the last meeting are posted on the website under "Notices to Members." Please read at your leisure and if any questions, corrections, or additions contact Rita Richetti, recording secretary. In future meetings the secretary will report corrections from the prior month and the minutes will stand as read.

May we have the treasurer's report?

TREASURER REPORT:

- Opening balance for October 2025 was \$ 1,930.05
- Receipts: \$30Expenses: \$542.92
- Ending Balance: \$1,417.13 which includes the scholarship fund of \$175.
- Savings Account Balance is: \$779.82

The treasurer read the report. Deb asked if there were any questions. There were none. The report is received and filed for audit.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Corresponding Secretary reports correspondence from a former member suggesting we change the PAL to SEPA Art League if we are showing work in East Greenville. We responded that WE LIKE the name we have.

Carol and Mike McAllister would like to have the PAL partner with them to display work in their venue, Carriage House Restaurant & Pub located at 745 Gravel Pike, Rt 29, East Greenville, PA <https://www.Carriagehousecraftbeers.com>

The venue was visited by Jill Stanley, Gloria Hasal, and Deb Haaf. It can accommodate 20 - 24 paintings. We can change quarterly if agreeable to members. Deb asked if there any volunteers to be coordinator. If not, we will have to pass on this opportunity. Deb has a video and photos of the space on her iPad for anyone that is interested. Jill asked if we would have enough people interested in going that far. There would not be any receptions. Artists' work can remain there for two or

three months. Deb will check with Vicki. We plan to have a decision and a coordinator by January.

PUBLICITY: Jeanne Stock will send artists who have work at display venues a postcard they can share on social media and email their friends and families. She posts ART LEAGUE EVENTS TO THE MORNING CALL GO GUIDE AND THE PARKLAND PRESS.

VIDEO LIBRARY: Anyone have suggestions for future purchases for the lending library. Contact Julie Wehr

DISPLAY VENUES:

CHEER: Marianne Knipe is not feeling well these days. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers. If interested Deb will provide her address to you.

EXHIBIT COORDINATORS: Exhibit Coordinators any news to report? No reports.

Display venues- ALL ARE FULL FOR 2025. Contact the display coordinator for the venue that interests you to sign up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEW BUSINESS:

Dean Rumpella, a guest and new member, shared info about the Allentown Fair and opportunities for us. He's on the board. They had a Plein Air program on the fairgrounds for an hour or so. The winner received a \$100 gift cert to Blick. He suggested they offer a couple of days to create the paintings, then come back to judge. They have authorized judges to judge the events. They are thinking about going to other places in the community, ex: Bethlehem's historic buildings with the idea of getting more people involved in PAL. This year they were hoping for a dozen people, they got 10 people to come out. They provide pencils and markers, but most people brought their own materials. The hour wasn't enough time. Jim suggested three hours. Several people agreed.

Deb will talk to Dean about timing to avoid overlapping with Bethlehem Palette Club's Wednesday Plein air sites.

Deb thanked him.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - NEED CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

PRESIDENT: Deb has been president for 9 years this December. Currently she has expanding family obligations with 4 grandchildren and a brother with dementia that she has been trying to get medical assistance for long term care since May. She is not able to focus on club activities as she has in the past, and it is time for a replacement.

VICE PRESIDENT. Marianne Knipe is not able to resume her role as vice president. In order to have demonstrators at our meetings, we need someone to assume this role as well.

Please consider taking one of these roles. Anyone who moves into these positions will have plenty of training and support from members of the executive committee who are a wonderful group of people.

Deb asked if there is any other new business, workshops, shows, awards?

SHOWS:

Stony Run Closing Reception 12/10 from 5-7 pm. This info will be on the calendar in **"notice to members page on website."**

Blue Mountain Vineyards Opening 11/14 from 4-6 pm Jeanne Stock and Kay Stauffer are the coordinators. Closing reception 12/ 19 from 4 - 6 pm

Nov - Dec

- Blue Mountain Winery: Gloria Hasel, Rita Richetti, Emory Smith
- Kalmbach: Glen Kratzer
- Lower Macungie Library: Jeanne Stock
- Luther Crest: Kenneth Brown
- Parkland Library: Elizabeth Kenny
- Stony Run Winery: Karen Benco, Sylvia Roth, and Ilene Rubin
- Art Beat, Emmaus: Jim Roth, Vicki Fisher, and Jill Stanley
- Twisted Olive Restaurant, Bethlehem: Rita Richetti until Dec 6th
- Lumier Show Broad and Belvidere Contemporary Art Gallery: Ilene until Mid Dec.
- Civic Theatre: Allentown Scenes until January 4th, Three ladies each painted 11 scenes.
- Bethlehem Palette Club Fall Exhibit at the Allentown Art Museum until Dec 7.
- BPC Awards:
 - 1st Place for "Yellow Iris" - Rita Richetti
 - 2nd Place, Sandy Corpora
 - 3rd Place for "Meet Me at the Dock" Kay Stauffer

50/50 Liz Kennedy won the 50/50.

CALL TO ADJOURNMENT: Emory Smith motioned to end the meeting. Howard Ellsworth seconded it.

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION: Rita Richetti and Jill Stanley will critique members' work.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY RECORDING SECRETARY: Rita Richetti