TPPG Board Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2015

Members Present:

Kira, President
Kate, Membership Chair
Alicia, Treasurer
Nina, Sergeant at Arms
Amanda, Member at Large
Tai, Member at Large

Not Present:
Linda Long, Vice-President
Charlotte Fristoe, Secretary
Steven Saccio, Print Competition Chair

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm.

Membership Report - Kate

Two new members joined since the last meeting, bringing the member count to 40. Kate will send out the new member packets to those who have not received it.

Nametags will also need to be ordered for the new members.

The guild does not currently have a copy of the new member application in an editable format. Kate has made a word version of it, but noticed a few items for board discussion. The current member application references only Florida. Since we have several members that live in Georgia, the guild may want to consider reflecting them on the application.

> **Motion**: To review the bylaws and the Georgia sales tax/legal business information and review the application for Kate to make tweaks to it.
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> Motion by: Kate
> Seconded by: Amanda

The membership of the guild is growing. Madison Social has sufficed as a meeting space location thus far. However, if the membership continues to grow, a new meeting space may need to be considered in a few months. Space has been fairly tight when more than 20 people attend a meeting. Board members will keep an eye out for any potential meeting spaces over the next few months.

Last year, the guild offered a half price membership fee beginning in July for the rest of the calendar year after the salon competition. The guild gained close to 10 new members once the half price membership fee went into effect.

Motion: To continue the half price membership fee in July, after salon.

Motion by: Kira

Seconded by: Kate

Website and Social Media Report – Kira

Kate has taken over updating the membership page on the tallahasseephotographers.com website. All members have been updated on the website as of the board meeting. As new members join, they will be added to the website.

Treasurer's Report - Alicia

-March Financials have been posted into the dropbox account.

TPPG Statement of Financial Position as of March 31, 2015

ASSETS

Wells Fargo $12,801.20

PayPal $556.51

Total Assets $13,357.71

LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities $1,200.00

Net Assets $12,157.71

Statement of Financial Activity Month of March 2015

INCOME

Membership Dues $ 447.00

Visitor Fees 30.00

Comp No-Prints

Workshops 1,925.00

Total Income $ 2,402.00

EXPENSES

Speaker Fees / Meals 157.65

CC Processing Fees 111.70

Misc. Supplies 16.11

Board Meeting Food/Drink 42.68

Total Expenses $ 328.14

Excess of Income over Exp $ 2,073.86

Net Assets beginning of Period $ 10,083.85

Net Assets end of Period $ 12,157.71

Ticket Sales from Mini Seminars total around $4 thousand. There are a few seminars left. For all seminars that have been given, checks have been issued to those speakers.

April Meeting - Kira

Several board members have had comments and/or feedback regarding Print Competition. The issue has been brought up regardng newer members competing and them feeling discouraged because they feel like the same people win every month. The board discussed reaching out to our members to encourage people to enter print competition and not feel discouraged. Print completion exists to make us all stronger photographers.

In the past, there were giveaways/raffle/door prizes at each meeting. Some of these were provided by the speakers and others were by the guild itself. The board also discussed the possibility of establishing a Door Prize/Give Away Chair position. This position would be responsible for reaching out to various vendors to obtain door prizes for guild meetings and the holiday party. Nina volunteered to be the Door Prize/Giveaway Chair.

Speakers Report - Kira

The list of speakers that have been booked so far is available on dropbox.

This speaker for the month of April is Robert Lino. The board needs his PPA number to get his speaking merit applied for.

In the past, the guild has held a separate salon preparation night. Since the guild does not have a speaker booked for the May Meeting as of yet, it was decided to have the May meeting serve as a preparation/critique night for Salon.

In order to facilitate the process and make it go as smoothly as possible, the board discussed sending Steve or Linda images for the meeting. A dropbox folder could be established for members to upload their images to for critique.

Motion: Each member can submit 6 images for critique at the May meeting, with a time set certain for each image. The time limit is subject to change dependent on the amount of images submitted.

Motion by: Kate

Seconded by: Kira

Dinner will be catered by Hotel Duval and tickets will be sold. After dinner, the awards will be presented and also critique.

Salon - Linda (Kira will fill in for Linda)

Judges- Linda is working on securing judges. Nobody has been confirmed yet,

Hotel Duval has been confirmed as the Salon Compeition judging and dinner space.

The board discussed the establisgment of a committee for organizing the event. Steve is in charge of salon with Linda assisting. Amanda volunteered to help with the event. Jobs include running lightroom, recording scoring, organizing the menu/contract, and A/V needs. The same software as last year will be used (printcompetition.com) for live scoring.

FPP Report - Kira

FPP Financial Report available at http://bit.ly/1G3qdjd

Florida School is coming up. Payment plans are available until April 30. Convention is August 7. The cruise is coming up in November.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm