

AWAA BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 5, 2009  
Location: Coffee to a Tea

The AWAA Board met on Wednesday, August 5th, at Coffee to a Tea. The meeting started at 4:30 p.m. In attendance were: Nichole DeMent, Susan Miller, Glenda Weibel, Hans Westphal, Carol Anderson, Pam Lund, Dori Westphal, KayLee Jaech, Stephen Rock.

**Minutes:**

The July minutes were approved as printed on the AWAA website.

**Treasurer's report:**

Balance \$3279.64

**Programs:**

AWAA will cover the cost of soda pop for the August potluck picnic. Pam Lund will supply a chair for the White Center Food Bank fund raiser project for those members that are interested in participating. There was a suggestion of having a decoration theme.

**Ideas:**

\*\*Kaylee Jaech, Development Director for ARTSWEST, shared information on how to raise money for AWAA through grant writing. Writing a 501c3 grants takes a lot of research and she recommended using the Redmond Library which has excellent resources. Having a specific focus for a grant proposal usually has a better success rate of being awarded. It also gives AWAA a specific direction for growth. Kaylee extended invitation to continue a conversation in regards to our progress in grant writing. She also may have contacts for AWAA depending on our grant objective.

\*\*Nichole DeMent and ARTSWEST encourage AWAA to become involved in public art projects. These type of projects usually have a better success rate in receiving future funding through other grants. Listing public art involvement can also be very impressive when listed individual resumes.

\*\*A membership application form for the *Women Painters of Washington* was shared. The format used with this membership form includes a "skills", and "interests", checklist that members could check. This type of form would lend itself to having a better understanding of the talents of their members.

\*\*There will be a brainstorming opportunity at the potluck picnic in August. Members are encouraged to list any ideas, thoughts, and directions that AWAA could take to move the organization towards the future.

\*\*Suggestion was made to have an auction as a fundraiser. Possibly this could be blended with the annual group show. Members would be asked to donate a piece of work for the cause.

\*\*Suggestion was made to open up our monthly meetings to the public. The meetings that have demonstrations, talks, and lectures could be made available to non-members for a modest monetary donation.

\*\*Suggestion was made to have discount coupons available for AWAA given by businesses willing to participate.

\*\*Suggestion was made to advertise AWAA on online forums.

Minutes submitted by Carol Anderson, secretary AWAA