

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FORT WORTH CALLIGRAPHERS GUILD
MARCH 9, 2025

The Fort Worth Calligraphers Guild met for its Regular Meeting on Sunday, March 9, 2025, 2:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Hurst, TX. Attendees signed in and retrieved their name badge for the meeting. President Linda Langley call the meeting to order. A quorum was present with 19 members and 3 guests (*13 members and 3 guests onsite; 6 members via Zoom*). Guests welcomed were Sabastian Harcon, Abby Rieger, and Alena Scott.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1) Minutes and Treasurer's Report:

The minutes of the previous Regular Meeting on February 9, 2025, were approved as presented.

There was no report from the Treasurer for this month. However, Nancy Teigen presented the final report of the 2025 Calendar Committee, as follows:

a) Theme: Quotes by Artists/Calligraphers;

b) Artwork and calligraphy contributed by 12 members;

c) Process of sales:

(1) orders taken September through mid-October deadline; 170 copies printed,

(2) 160 copies sold, 10 presented to attendees at Southwest Calligraphy Conference,

(3) sale price same as in previous years – \$10.00 with quantity discounts,

(4) finances:

Printing	\$ 556.20
Postage	\$ 41.07
Profit	\$ 479.31
Total	\$1076.58 (17.4% over previous year), and

d) postage costs increased; covered by purchasers; variable postage rates.

e) 2024 calendar sold 139 copies; profit of \$540.03; difference between 2024 and 2025: \$60.72.

Nancy also noted that in 2026, the United States will be celebrating its Semiquincentennial – also named Bisesquicentennial – that is, the anniversary of 250 years since its independence. This occasion could suggest a theme for the Guild's 2026 calendar.

2) Guild Representation at Fort Worth Museum of Science and History:

Erin Dietz reported that she and Nancy hosted tables at the Museum's "Galentine's Day Celebration" on Thursday, February 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The representation itself was reviewed and agreed upon at the January 12 Board of Directors' meeting. Visiting guests attending had the opportunity to learn about calligraphy and handwriting using different types of pens and inks. It was a popular area with names and such being written out for guests, and guests trying out the pens. Angie Vangalis designed and printed brochures and business cards to hand out – all to further advertise this Guild. One new member was gained from the event.

Erin stated that the Guild has been invited to return for the Museum's "Pollinator Garden Party" on Saturday, May 10, 9:00-11:00 a.m., and she was willing to do a similar set-up for this event, if the membership agrees to such and she has some help. There was agreement to move forward. The Museum hopes it can be worked out that guests could see how to hand letter plant markers with a special UV resistant marker.

3) Bylaws Standing Committee: Chairman Catherine Burkhard reminded members that proposed amendments to the Bylaws concerning the terms of office for the Guild's Appointed Officers will be forthcoming for presentation next month. She hopes these will be ready for the April meeting's "News Update". Voting on the proposed amendments will take place at the May Regular Meeting.

4) Communications Standing Committee: In Chairman Judy Johannesen's absence, Linda reported Judy's thanks for getting items to her for the monthly "News Update".

5)Membership Standing Committee: On behalf of Chairman Cynthia Bottrell, it was reported that updates to the Membership Directory were in the recent issue of “News Update” for the Guild’s three new members: Jan Matthews, Allyson Gehman, and Tamera Diller. Membership is currently at 55.

5)Program Standing Committee:

Chairman Gina Tanner noted that today’s program with Pat Blair on how to use the wedge brush, which will be a good introduction to her April 6 workshop, and reviewed the upcoming meeting programs, as follows:

a)April 13 – Cindy Haller will offer instruction for the Legende alphabet created by Ernst Schneider.

b)May 18 (3rd Sunday) – Texas Lettering Arts Council will present “Variations on the Letter A”, pre-recorded for 2021 Legacies III by Mike Gold.

6)Workshops Standing Committee:

Chairman Erin Dietz described further concerning Pat Blair’s virtual workshop on Sunday, April 6, 1:00-5:30 p.m., “Early Spring Garden and Summer Blooms”. Pat will specifically teach the Iris and Magnolia flowers. There are a few openings left for the workshop at \$95 for members and non-members.

7)Library Chairman: Lynda Kemple brought books available for check-out, and accepted those to be returned.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

a)This month members were allowed to sell gently-used supplies, books, and such – price and seller’s name to be on all sale items displayed in the church’s kitchen area. This is offered again for the April and May meetings.

b)Catherine invited everyone to come to estate sales that will be occurring at her house – one weekend as an art sale, and next one for general items. She has a good bit of calligraphy and bookbinding items, supplies, equipment, and books she no longer has room for. Dates will be announced later but should be sometime in April or May. She also offered past issues of the Guild’s calendar – good for studying lettering examples.

c)Angie shared information that she is sponsoring “Medieval Manuscript Arts” classes with Risa Gettler online. These will be 3 single-session paint-along classes featuring Medieval Rascally Rabbits, Wyverns, and an “M” for Mom and two 6-week classes on “Grotesques and Majestic Majuscules”. There is a discount for early registration by March 14. Details were also noted in the recent “News Update”.

d)Angie is also offering classes during at weekend at Nazareth Retreat Center in Grand Prairie, May 22-25.

PROGRAM

Pat Blair offered a virtual program on “Introduction to Painting with the Wedge Brush”. Included were how to create leaves using a triangle brush and watercolor, along with other helps. Members were to bring supplies to work with Pat during the demonstration and instructions.

A drawing for door prizes resulted in Nancy, Erin, and Deanna Bural as the recipients.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Meeting will be April 13, 2025.

Catherine Burkhard
Secretary