**April 13, 2016 ORA Steering Committee Meeting**

Attendance: Eddy, Esther, Glenn, Diane F, Diane M, Sharon, Linda

**Dates to Remember**:

June 5th: Jury & Annual Meeting (slate of officers)

July 31st: Sarah Harwin Studio Tour 2-4pm

November 5-6: COA/TOA

**Membership:** Linda’s ORA welcome letter was discussed/revisions suggested. Final will be mailed out to membership as FYI. (Diane M volunteered to proofread)

**Treasurer Report:**  41 members (including 3 scholarships); 24 COA participants (1 scholarship, 1 ½ booth)

* $500 is set aside for website creation; $6,500 in bank
* We have a new Square device and Glenn purchased insurance in case it misbehaves outside of the warranty period.
* JAM brought in $1950 total
* Eddy will ask Lou Jaffe if he’ll help Glenn with Treasurer duties (i.e. Fed coordination, etc.)

**COA/TOA**: Diane F will coordinate Ro & Maggie’s roles in creating event this year. Budget to be created this summer (honorariums, etc.)

* Deadline for participation will be 10/05 (committed and paid up-dues ($50) and COA ($100))
* Late fee of $25 will go into effect 09/15
* Incentive (chocolate, Diane F in charge of procurement) to bring membership dues to June Meeting

**Annual Meeting (& Jury) June 5th:**

**Jury**:

* Members who haven’t juried will be sent message by Linda with the Welcome Letter
* Potential 2nd Jury 9/11 if necessary (on the down low)
* Jury app and membership info/forms are updated on website
* Jury call for artists will come out in synagogue May newsletters
* Brauna will submit info to J Life and Community Calendar
* Esther will submit to Grapevine
* Eddy will get a sign back up in JCC lobby

**Meeting—Members Art Gallery:**

* Eddy will send email for meeting including dues/COA payment info (1 check okay, credit cards okay)
* Brauna will set up a small lobby demo display at JCC with Board members’ work on or about 5/11 (board members to bring items to meeting that day)
* Diane F & Diane M will accept membership $ in Glenn’s absence
* Details of event to be worked out at May board meeting

**Future Education Events:** Sarah Harwin’s studio tour is scheduled for July 31st 2-4pm

**JAM:** Eddy approached Wendy Russell about taking it on next year and she said Yes. Sharon volunteered to help, though we’ll be seeking “new blood” for that.

**Website Update:** Summer Kaplan (who designed Geezer Gallery website) agreed to create a new ORA Wordpress site for $500 + $20/hr maintenance. Esther is concerned she didn’t understand scope of site.

* A meeting of board members was held April 3rd wherein up to $1,000 was approved for this

**Other Items:** The ORA banner was destroyed at Purim event (after 7 years of use).

* Hardware is good, so $137.50 to recreate or new photo + $60/hr for graphic design
* $200 was authorized for the new banner (Leslie will coordinate with banner company)
* Diane F will look into a new image
* Esther will adjust the wording
* Group will have a chance to approve the image/wording

**Next Meeting:** May 11th 10:30-12:30 (Eddy in Europe)

* Design June Annual Meeting
* Discussion again on how to include new/more people=follow-through!
* Need for committees to get people going
* What do we need help with and possible solutions (bring ideas to meeting)

**Future Meetings:**

* June 1st –some form of pre-jury meeting
* July 13th
* August 10th