

**Photo Arts Club of Toledo
Board Meeting
April 2010**

At 7:00 PM ,President Steven Stalker called the meeting to order

Present at the April meeting was Mr. Stalker, president, Wennie Anderson, Secretary, Ben Anderson, Joe Pizzuto, Al Henderson, and Todd Grinonneau, Board Members. Member guest was Richard Chappellear.

Absence were Donna Gotschalk, treasurer, and TJ Singh, Vice President.

Due to the resignation of Board member Scott Layher, the board welcomed Mr Chappellear as a Board member to fulfill Mr. Layher's term.

Mr. Henderson, membership chairperson, announced that there are now 154 active members which included 2 new members, 2 renewals . There are 8 expired memberships and there are 24 members who are going through their first and second request for renewal of their soon to expire memberships.

The 2009 treasurers report was submitted for auditing. The Vice President is in charge of this and is to select 2-3 other members to meet and go over these records.

This will happen soon.

The Annual Photo Contest was reviewed. The Judging had just happened the night before this meeting.

Several ideas were expressed to make this easier for the

judges. Explanations of what we expect from them will be more thoroughly gone over with them. We will not allow them to go far from our rules, such as how the Best of the Show is picked.

The luncheon that is prepared for the 20 or so members during the Processing of the entries was discussed and it was thought that a budget of 50.00 or approximately 2.50 per member was to be awarded to who ever wanted to fix and bring this for the day for the workers Approximately \$90.00 was spent for the judges and workers during the judging event. This is about 15 people or 6.00 per person. Ben & Wennie Anderson donated the soft drinks.

Volunteers are needed to be on hand to answer questions and greet the public, for the weekends that the show will be exhibited. The 17th and 18th of April, the 24th and 25th and May 1st and 2nd. The time is from 12-5PM. A reminder to have these times on papers along with the other contest day and times for members to sign at meetings was noted.

The plants sales at the Botanical Garden are coming up the first weekend in May including Mother's Day and volunteers are needed to help the Garden. This goes a long way with our volunteer hours. Get in touch with Mike Essi or the Garden if you can give them some time, Friday, Saturday or Sunday, the 7th-9th. We did this last year and it is a lot of fun.

Diplomas were discussed as a possible reward for those taking the Improving your Photography classes, starting with the next class. Rules as to how many

classes should be attended in order to receive one will be discussed when we set up the next classes.

A one day class on possibly a Saturday with perhaps 4 classes and a possible Sunday shoot in the Garden to try out what the students have learned was also discussed. This class would be the same price and the students would then be there for all the segments.

Suggestions as to how we can advertise the first classes of our monthly meetings. Our members work hard on presentations and it is sad that only 12-15 members show up for this meeting. Perhaps several advanced emails could be sent and at for instance at the May meeting, the person doing the June presentation would get up front and sell their presentation to the members. Perhaps the member doing the class could send Steve/Todd information on exactly what they will be doing for the web site and emails.

Photo Arts Club received an email from Karen Pugh from the Nature Center asking us to put together a show to hang at the Nature Center in September/October along with another group. More information is needed for us to know exactly what she is looking for.

Photos taken by Wennie Anderson are to be sent to Todd for the web site. Karen Pugh also requested digital photos from the contest to be sent to her for the Nature Center Web Site.

The meeting was called to an end by a motion by Al Henderson and seconded by Todd Grinonneau.

**Respectfully submitted by
Wennie Anderson
Secretary of the
Photo Arts Club of Toledo**