

HONOLULU ACADEMY OF ARTS
DOCENT COUNCIL
YEAR END MEETING/ MAY 10, 2010

The annual meeting of the HAA Docent Council took place on May 10th following the Spring Luncheon held at the Waioli Tea Room in Manoa Valley.

President Jan Tucker presided. Jan welcomed everyone and thanked the Hospitality committee, Cindy Kelly and Nicki Foster, for their fine efforts. Beautiful flower arrangements graced each table and were given to random winners. They will follow up with a wrap up review of the event, financial report and other data for the record.

Jan invited everyone to enjoy the buffet awaiting the group.

Our speaker was Frank Boas, Chair of the Education Committee on the Board of Trustees of the museum. Frank warmly greeted the Docents with remembrances of his late wife's association with the group and reminded us of the importance of the role the Docent body plays as the public face and a core support for education in the museum. He reaffirmed the Trustees commitment to education and the quest to provide a great cultural resource for our community.

He reported that the Trustees were engaging an excellent search firm to assist in the sourcing, selection and hiring of a new Museum Director.

Other points were: Jan Tucker our retiring president will become the Docent tour scheduler, the lending collection will be reorganized, the finance committee is stabilizing the endowment, and current exhibitions and activities are incorporating many ideas suggested by Suzie Watt, a museum evaluator/consultant. The medical/museum partnering is being developed. Other community outreach programs in the works are Art to Go, with Vince Hazan at Linekona, over 1500 students were served through various partnerships. Perhaps another group to be tapped would be the Veterans from Schofield and others. Many opportunities to involve more of our community exist. We are encouraged to contribute ideas we may have.

Betsy Robb, Curator of Education, talked about the results of the docent survey . She says both the Docents and Schools report enjoying the tours. Tour enhancements have been assimilated and seem to be viewed as a success. We have learned to sign up on line, assume responsibility for starting tours as Lead Docent while learning and adding new tours such as Art after Dark . We have recorded over 3,000 hours of Docent volunteer time serving some 30,000 visitors, all of this outside of the many, many hours of volunteer time spent on committees, docent room binders, and the many other duties we all perform. There is great value in all that we contribute as demonstrated by the great docent council we have.

Aloha to Carole Harlow returning to San Francisco. Our visiting docent returns to her west coast home but will continue to communicate ideas between the Asian Museum and the Academy. Carole was a great support for Tea and Tour.

Aloha to Kita McCord, our steady data/education link to schools, tours and more. Kita is returning to the East Coast to continue her studies.

Betsy awarded the 50 hours-plus pins to thirty docents. She thanked all- even if you did not receive a pin, we know there are many hours spent outside of tours that are important for the running of the council and the museum.

ANNUAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER (1:10 p.m.)

President Jan Tucker reminded everyone that the Docent council minutes along with all committee reports are kept in a binder in the Docent room, hard copy posted on the bulletin board in the Docent room and an e-copy is on the Docent website.

Jan called for approval of the May, 2009 minutes: moved and seconded.

Treasurer Patrick Norman reported that he would deliver a full treasurers report after the luncheon revenue and expenses are settled out. Each committee should report their expenses to Patrick.

Jan announced that committees are forming for next year and that a clip board would be out for people to sign up . Please participate.

Nominating, Jim Marsh reported the committee met all deadlines in securing a slate of officers and they were pleased with the choices. Jim read the slate: Marilyn Smith President, Jill Clapes Vice President, Gayle Sanders Secretary and Debbie Bocken Treasurer.

Jan asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. Jim Marsh moved to accept the slate as presented. Seconded. All voted in favor.

Retiring officers were presented leis and thanked, new officers presented leis and thanked.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45.

The docents were invited to a tour of the Waioli Chapel given by Sheila James.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Clapes

