



Board Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2025.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm by President Kerby Smith

Attending: Kerby Smith, Jennifer Moss, Wendy Denton, Barbara Liss, Gina Mims, Monica Lasgoity, Sandee Scott, Vicki Thomas, Sheila Boyd, Autumn Ensign

REPORTS

• **Secretary** Sandee Scott
(Minutes distributed earlier to board members via email.) Barbara moved and Wendy seconded and the vote was unanimous to accept and approve minutes for the June 2025 YSA Board meeting.

• **Treasurer's report** Monica Lasgoity
Membership: We currently have 160 members.
Bank Balances as of 7/10/2025

United Security Bank	\$3,500.41
Chase Bank - Gallery Account	\$5,251.92
Wells Fargo - 7 Month CD	\$10,546.88
Wells Fargo - 11 Month CD	<u>\$5,263.15</u>
Total:	\$24,562.36

• **YSA Gallery Lease Extension** Barbara
The building that the gallery is in is up for sale. If and when it sells, terms for the lease may change. (And be more expensive.) If we extend the lease one year, we would avoid such an increase, at least for a while. Visitor Center has agreed to give us \$6000 for the extended year. Barbara noted that 15-20 people have joined YSA since we've opened the gallery and it seems that having the gallery has been a draw. Discussion followed, including such issues as cost of insurance, rotating artists displaying in the gallery, the possibility of asking artists to make a monthly donation (and not mandate a monthly payment), distributing a donation solicitation letter, the issue of an online gallery, doing a workshop on how to join/show in the gallery, etc. Question on the table is — Do we extend the lease for an additional year? Barbara moved, Gina seconded a motion to reach out to the landlord to discuss the parameters of extending the lease. The motion carried.

Board Members

President: Kerby Smith

Past President: Barbara Liss

V.P. - Grants for Non-Profits: Wendy Denton

V.P. - Community Outreach/Marketing: Gina Mims

V.P. - Technology: Jennifer Moss

V.P. - Hospitality: Vicki Thomas

Secretary: Sandee Scott

Treasurer/Membership: Monica Lasgoity

Committee/Event Chairs

Newsletter editor: Sheila Boyd

Portrait Group: Lura Schwarz Smith

Photo Group: Autumn Ensign

Plein Air: Mary Beth Harrison & Lisa Zylstra

Women's Voices: Wendy Denton & Jennifer Moss

Yosemite Gateway Art Center: Carolyn Hartling

Community Galleries: Barbara Liss

United Security Bank: Sheila Boyd & Sandee Scott

Fundraising: opportunity available

Education: opportunity available

Historian: opportunity available

V.P. - Demos: opportunity available

- **Art Demonstrations** Sandee

Sandee posed the question — Is it time to re-think our monthly art Demos? We currently do not have an Art Demo coordinator, we have been struggling with getting signups for the demos, and there is now other opportunities for learning — such as classes at YGAC and online workshops. Perhaps quarterly demos would be more appropriate under the circumstances. The monthly newsletter is keeping members informed of current events and opportunities so that monthly general meetings are not necessary. The idea of a quarterly networking event was suggested. The plan is to have a planning meeting for 2026, possibly at Sandee Scott's house sometime this Fall.

- **Portrait Group, Plein Air group and Photo group.**

Check the calendar on the YSA website to see the latest scheduled events. Send Jennifer Moss relevant posts for the calendar and allow at least a week for the posting.

GALLERIES AND EVENTS

Community Galleries Barbara Liss

- **Visitor Center** — On display now until 8/15 is landscape photography by Luke Shaftary. To participate August - October, contact Barbara.
- **YGAC (Yosemite Gateway Art Center)** — The next changeout will be mid-July. Artists will be Erin Cook and Carolynne Gamble.
- **United Security Bank** (Sheila Boyd and Sandee Scott). Next art changeout will be in August.
- **YSA Gallery** — Changeout will be Monday, Sept. 30.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Submit articles for newsletter to Sheila Boyd by the 15th of the month; Sheila plans to get the newsletter out by the 25th or 26th. Make submissions ready to go — Sheila will not be re-writing copy.
2. The 54th Anniversary show is down; all pieces have been picked up by the artists. Three pieces were sold. The consensus was this was one of the best shows we've had.
3. Gina has not yet had an opportunity to converse with Jon Bock regarding commissions on work that's been exhibited there in the past. She still plans to do so.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. As of next year, Carolyn Hartling will not be in charge of installing the YSA Anniversary show. She is "retiring" from this responsibility. We will need to recruit volunteer(s).
2. Jim Morris is going to take over social media. Gina will be meeting with him soon. He will be invited to the board meetings.
3. The next board meeting is scheduled for the 14th of August at 4:00 pm on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned 5:22 pm

Minutes written and submitted by Sandee Scott