

FStops Board Meeting Agenda

June 16, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Absent: Terry Mendelson

Attendees: Lloyd Delaney, Jhoe Abejon, Bill Debley, Ron Goodman, Joy Hillman, Dan Katz, Linda Pagter, Sharon Segal, Glyn Sun

Lloyd called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Lloyd Delaney provided the President's Report:

- Natasha led classes are going very well. There was a question of why there was a donation to the group. It was to help cover the cost of the class. It would be great to offer additional classes in future, however, once Samy's can host the classes, we can let it go.
- Asked for discussion about moving the format of the group meeting to Zoom.
- Some positives include reduced cost (no rent, no equipment), no commute for members and the ability of members who have moved to continue to participate. Negatives include the inability to socialize with friends. Judges do not need to travel to the meetings. The upshot is that we will continue to use Zoom until it is safe to meet in person and to see how things progress. Lloyd will contact Jewish Family Services and San Fernando Valley Art and Cultural Center about using their space.
- Photo Shoots and technique demonstrations can be restarted to help maintain the social aspect of photography.
- The board will meet again June 30 to see how the group is progressing.

Jhoe Abejon comments and Budget Report:

Gaining knowledge from the Zoom training offered by Natasha. Maximum number of Zoom participants is 100 per session. Agrees with social distancing outings for photography. Current balance \$6,286.75 excluding expenses required for Photoshop classes.

Bill Debley comments:

Expressed the Village was already uncomfortable with the member/strangers in the facility prior to the COV-19 Virus. Doubtful for a return to the Village location. Develop Zoom training videos to share tutorials from photography experts.

Ron Goodman comments:

Doubtful we will be allowed to return to the Village. Survey members to determine who is interested in onsite club meetings when permissible. We should maintain a consistent protocol as people will have health concerns. The purpose of the club is to provide meeting sessions, photography outings and educational opportunities.

Dan Katz comments and Judges Report:

Shared the concept of virtual photography shoots used frequently to avoid face to face contact with talent. Anticipate we will continue using Zoom at least through the next few months. Missing the camaraderie of the physical presence in club meetings. Perhaps offer judging for those who are long distance since we are now using the online Zoom meetings? Consideration should be given to which

location would be best for the group when we return to face to face meetings. Board members will be provided selections for voting on the next category for lecture/submission. Next challenge: Open

Joy Hillman comments:

Zoom meetings and future online training could be useful.

Linda Pagter comments and Membership Report:

Finds Zoom easy to use. The video recording is beneficial for viewing later. Unable to determine screen names of participants in members meeting. It appears 27 were in attendance. Consideration should be given to offer a hybrid of onsite/online meetings for the future. Membership growth is ideal however, we do not want to lose connection with our original members due to size.

Sharon Sega comments and Photo Events Report:

Preference for face to face meetings which comply with social distancing rules. Offer additional Zoom classes for various subject matter. In coordination with Lloyd Delaney, developing event outings for end of July/early August. Waiting on Dan for subject options.

Glyn Sun comments and Digital Media Report:

Suggested we extend membership to past members who have relocated and can now benefit from the Zoom online meeting format.

The board meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next board meeting date is June 30th at 7:00pm via Zoom.

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