

PFLI Delegates Meeting
November 18, 2011, 8:05 p.m.
Minutes

Ross welcomed everyone to the Delegates Meeting and thanked the Delegates for attending. He said this would be the last meeting at the hospital; all the Board meetings and Delegates meetings will be held at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Library from now on, as follows:

Board & Delegates Meetings

Friday, January 27, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m., in the Library Auditorium

Friday, March 23, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m., in the Library Auditorium

Friday, May 25, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m., in the Library Conference Room

Board Only Meetings (preceding Competitions)

Friday, February 10, 2012 – 6:00 p.m., Library Auditorium

Friday, April 13, 2012 – 6:00 p.m., Library Auditorium

13 Clubs were represented in the roll call: Bellport; Flushing; Freeport; Great Neck; Huntington; Island Photo Group; Nassau; Paumanok; Photography Club of Long Island; Southeast Queens; South Shore; Suffolk; and Wantagh.

Committee Reports followed:

- The Spring Spectacular will take place at Suffolk Community College, on Sunday, April 22, 2012. Emails will be sent out to Presidents and Delegates with information to share with club members. We must try to get them involved and interested. Vendors will be there. The speaker will be Parish Kohanim, a Canon Explorer of Light. Tickets for sale will be given to the Delegates at the January meeting. They must keep track of the sales, receive the money, and hand in the unused tickets and the money at the Spring Spectacular. Volunteers, from the club level, are needed to help on that day, as well. If anyone has connections for donated door prizes, please contact Ross.
- The Education Committee has planned excellent learning experiences. Karen and Pat have done an amazing job putting it together. Great speakers are planned. Check the website and show up at the Plainview Library for the class. This Sunday's class had to be canceled, unfortunately, due to serious illness in the speaker's family. Rob Goldman is planned for January and Bill Ruddick in March. We will try to re-schedule this month's speaker. If anyone has suggestions for possible guest speakers, please contact Karen or Pat. It's good to start planning for next year; there is a \$100 speaker's fee.
- Honors Committee – the clubs have to pick candidates to receive honors. The criteria for honors will be sent to clubs. Names of nominees must be received by PFLI by January 2012.

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- The Youth Showcase (High School Competition) will soon be coming up. We want to make it special for the kids. We need the clubs to represent high schools. It would be great if each club could take on at least one high school. The Art or Photography Department of the high school should be contacted.
- Photorama 2012 will be discussed in March.
- The Competition Committee hopes that everyone will try to come to at least one Competition to see how it works. There are 3 Judges – very fair. Ross said Dick, Suzan, and Dale do a wonderful job putting it all together. All delegates should try to attend and bring club members with you. It's a great learning experience, fast-paced, and interesting. Dick said that he tells every new member of his club to come and see at least 2 competitions. You'll get all kinds of ideas for your own work.

Ross praised Tom, the "architect" of the Creative Competition site. It's beautiful and running so smoothly. Tom reported that there were 2 competitions so far; the first had 46 entries, the second had 78. When he looked at the site yesterday, there had been 12,000 viewings, and 70 people were registered. You can visit the site without logging in. 3 Judges judge online. The members can see the ratings, comment on them. It determines the top-rated images. They are in order by scores. You can search for your club or click on "top-rated." This is a competition "in progress" and it will continue to evolve.

The revised guidelines are as follows: All images must be original. Photographic content should predominate. The maker-created image or graphic must all be the maker's own creations.

- Ross strongly stated that we need more committee members. We should encourage club members to participate.
- Ross wants to email information to every Club President and Delegate and receive input in return; his "platform is communication." Send in your ideas and thoughts and suggestions; he needs to hear from you. His email address is rmctyre@Verizon.net.
- Ross proposed more special competitions: 1) Photojournalism; 2) Sports; 3) Travel; etc. He described them as pictures you don't see normally in competition. Maybe we should hold it once a year. He asked the Delegates to "kick it around; do you think the clubs would like to see this?" Ross said it would give members a chance to really stretch themselves. Give it some thought; would members like to see and try to "unlock their talent?"

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Ross said we should vote on this proposal at the next Board Meeting. So, please go back to your clubs and get a feel for how many would be interested. Maybe it's time to start putting in other than nature in the regular competitions. More people might be encouraged to do it. PFLI may have been known as a nature and wildlife organization, but clubs should be encouraged to take other than nature and wildlife images. They should create their best images and submit them. Maybe we're too score-driven.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Sherr