

General Meeting Minutes

Sept. 19, 2025 @ Oklahoma Joe's

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

There were 57 members present.

The minutes for the last general meeting were approved with one correction – the adjournment time was added.

President Becky Hatchett gave the Treasurer's report in Susan Lorton's absence.

Marcia McElroy gave the auditor's report:

She reviewed the Gillies' account books for the year ended May 31, 2025. The review included the check register, bank statements and the monthly treasurer's reports, all deposit detail and expense vouchers. She found the books to be well organized and in good order. Her opinion is that the books accurately report the financial condition of the Gillies.

Julie Gentz gave the Secretary's report. As of today, there are:

101 Active members

30 Associate members and

1 Lifetime Member.

For a total of 132 members.

Becky then introduced Executive Director Brian Lee Whisenhunt. BLW reported that he had been traveling and visited several museums or art exhibits: in Denver, he saw Meow; in L.A., he went to a photography exhibit through the queer perspective at the Getty, in London, he saw a new storage museum/facility; and in Frankfurt he looked at the new casework for exhibitions in the new Gilcrease Museum. He is pleased at how the new galleries will present the collection in ways never seen before.

He also reported that he will be getting the keys to the new building in a couple of weeks.

He noted that Scrollathon was coming up soon – Gilcrease is inviting 500 Tulsans to create a new piece of art. He also mentioned that Stephen Towns will be coming back to Tulsa on November 5 and will be speaking at the Lorton Performance Center. On the 6th, Alex Mann, Aron Schoenfeld and Towns will be talking about the race massacre.

For the 250th anniversary of the U.S., the plans are to update the HCAR exhibits to tell the story of the Revolution and the Native American experience during that time.

Jamie Anderson from the Smith Group will talk at our November meeting. And Brian will talk at that meeting about the museum's new strategic plan.

President-elect Teresa Pena then talked about the need for Gillie volunteers at Scrollathon Oct. 6 – 10, and Saturday the 11th for Family Day. Wayfinders, and activity helpers will be needed.

To fill the 25 spots available for Gillies to do a Scrollathon project, Becky will send out an email on the 23rd of this month asking for volunteers. The first 25 Gillies to respond will participate.

Judy Howard, Nominating Chair, described the process and timeline for executive committee nominations for the 2025-2026 year. She introduced her committee. Those people who would like to nominate themselves for the Executive Committee should send in their interest via email to Judy in January 2026. The committee will then present a slate of candidates at the March General Meeting.

Docent Chair Alana Trisler thanked people for sending in their responses for Alex Mann's request for works of art that Gillies enjoy most talking with museum visitors about. So far, she has received 19 responses and needs quite a few more. She also mentioned that beginning in January 2026, curators will start coming to docent meetings to present information about various galleries.

Travel Chair, Cindy Strasheim gave a brief update on the upcoming bus trip to the Choctaw Cultural Center. Those planning to go should meet in the parking lot at 6:30 a.m.; they will return to Tulsa at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$135, which includes transportation, entry to the Center, breakfast, snacks, etc.

Cindy also mentioned that Oct. 2 is the closing night of the exhibit *Book Arts: Beyond Expectations* at the Liggett Studio. Those Gillies that are interested should meet at the studio at 5:00. The address is 314 S. Kenosha Ave.

That concluded the business portion of the General Meeting. The Forum speaker will be Rhys Martin.

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.