

**Park West Camera Club Business Meeting Minutes -
May 27, 2024 (by Zoom)**

Presiding: Executive Committee members President Chuck Pine, Vice President Michael Schleiff, Corresponding Secretary Helen Pine, Recording Secretary Christine Doyle, and Treasurer Joe Nawy.

I. Call To Order: Chuck Pine called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00PM. There being 24 members present, a quorum was met. Chuck introduced the members of the current Executive Committee: himself, President; Michael Schleiff, Vice President; Helen Pine, Corresponding Secretary; Christine Doyle, Recording Secretary; and Joe Nawy, Treasurer.

II. Minutes of Previous Business Meeting: By motion, members present agreed to waive the reading of the minutes of the March 25th Business Meeting. (They were published in the April 2024 issue of the Photo Notes newsletter, which is available on the PWCC website.)

III. Treasurer's Report: Joe Nawy presented his Treasurer's Report for the time period July 1, 2023 through May 27, 2024. [*Note: The full Treasurer's Report is not for the general public. A version of the minutes with the full report was emailed to all members of the Club.*]

A discussion followed regarding the bank fees that the Club now pays. Because we do not have a high account balance, Citibank charges monthly fees. Member Raylie Dunkel noted that a nonprofit that she works with that is similar to PWCC, maintains an account at TD Bank and is not charged fees.

Member Betsy Currier asked about planning for possible future hybrid in-person/Zoom meetings. It was noted that this has been discussed on several occasions in the past four years.

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Joe recommends that the Club increase dues by \$10, to \$60 per year. This increase would add approximately \$880 in extra receipts for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Member Natalie Manzino moved to hold a vote on the proposed increase; Vice President Michael Schleiff seconded the motion. Following a voice vote, the members in attendance unanimously agreed to raise dues to \$60 per year.

IV. Committee Reports (these reports are from committees that are active; the Archive, Field Trip, Gallery and House Committees are currently inactive):

Competition: Chair Hedy Klein noted that the year-end competition judging will be recorded tomorrow, and that more than 40 members have submitted images. She also asked that instructions on submitting images for the year-end competition (i.e., the same exact images that were submitted to monthly competitions during the year), need to be communicated more

clearly. Chuck briefly explained the judging process for the year-end competition, and noted that recognition is given to the member with the highest point score for the year and to the member who wins image of the year.

Membership: Co-chair Marlene Schonbrun reported that the Club has 91 paid members as of this date, 13 of whom are new members.

Photo Notes: Chair Chuck Pine asked that any content for the next issue of the newsletter be submitted by Monday, June 3rd. Members are invited to submit articles, portfolios, and other images of interest at any time prior to that.

Print Salon: No report.

Program: No report (co-chairs Marilyn Fish and Alice Somma were not in attendance). Chuck noted that the three judges for the year-end competition are Cynthia Dantzic, Martin Frank, and Bill Wadman.

Social/Sunshine: No report (no chair). Natalie Manzino reported nothing new from the Sunshine Committee.

Website: Co-chair Christine Doyle reported that the website is current, with recordings of the latest competition as well as the Expanding Visions 30 introductory session posted, and invited members to submit any new ideas or suggestions. Also, any members who haven't yet signed up for the website were invited to do so.

Workshop: No chair/no report.

V. Old Business

A. New Club Business Card: A final version of the new Club business card was published in the April and May issues of Photo Notes for review by members. Members agreed by vote to approve the expense of \$75 to have 500 copies printed by Copy57, a vendor the Club has used in the past. Christine asked that a big thank you to Will Aimesbury, who did all the creative work, be printed in the next issue of Photo Notes.

B. Election of Executive Committee Officers and At-Large Members - The period for nominations to the 2024-2025 Executive Committee closed as of last Sunday. There being no nominees aside from the current officers and the two new at-large members, the Corresponding Secretary, Christine Doyle, moved to approve the slate for the Executive Committee for 2024-2025: Chuck Pine - President; Michael Schleiff - Vice President; Helen Pine - Corresponding Secretary; Joe Nawy - Treasurer; Christine Doyle - Recording Secretary; Betsy Currier - At Large Member; and Jeffrey Langford - At-Large Member. Michael Schleiff seconded the motion, which was approved by all members present, with the exception of Member Bill Apple, who stated he would approve the election of Joe Nawy, Betsy Currier, and Jeffrey

Langford, but is abstaining from voting for Chuck Pine, Michael Schleiff, Helen Pine, and Christine Doyle on the ground that, in his opinion, the Club is not being served well by members who hold office for 10 years or more.

C. Expanding Visions 30 Workshop - Two Expanding Visions 30 field trips have been held. The next session, this coming Thursday, May 30th, will be a Zoom review of members' work. Members can submit up to five images from each of the two field trips.

D. Year-End Competition - Three judges have been selected for the year-end competition (see above under "Program Committee"), which will be recorded via Zoom and then shown to members on Monday, June 3rd. The judges will score each image from 1-9, the scores will then be tallied, then the images with the highest scores will be selected as image of the year and runners-up.

E. Otto Litzel Year-End Dinner - The Otto Litzel Year-End Dinner will be held at Uncle Lou restaurant in Chinatown on June 10th. So far 30 people have indicated they will attend; the cost will be \$40 per person, to be paid at the door (cash or check). (The Club will cover tax and gratuities even though we expect Uncle Lou's to accept our sales tax exemption certificate.) Dinner will be served family style; there will be a choice of three appetizers, 10 main courses, and desserts.

F. Dissolution Clause for the Club - The Club's governing documents do not contain any mechanism for the dissolution of the Club, should that come to pass. The Executive Committee believes this is something that should be added to the Club constitution, therefore, it will work over the summer to present a draft dissolution clause at the September 2024 business meeting. Chuck noted that, if the Club were to be dissolved, because it is a tax-exempt nonprofit it would not be able to give away any property to members or to groups that are not tax-exempt. It is possible to dispose of property through auction.

VI. New Business

A. From the Chair:

1. Summer Schedule - The Executive Committee will be putting together a schedule of Club activities for the summer months. There are five sessions (one in June, two in July, and two in August); one session will be dedicated to a discussion about how or whether the Club should treat the use of AI in photography. Members suggested a model shoot, a PDI workshop, a visit to a photography exhibit (e.g, Vivian Maier at Fotografiska, Metropolitan Museum). Bill Apple suggested that members who use AI in their photography be allowed to present their work at the AI session. Hedy Klein suggested a workshop on resizing images for competition, particularly in Lightroom. Charles Levin offered to draft re-sizing instructions to be included in the Competition Manual. Raylie Dunkel suggested that a survey be conducted of members who have cars for future field trips.

2. Pop-Up Field Trips - No field trips have taken place since a revised list of members interested in leading and/or attending pop-up field trips was created by Helen after the last Business Meeting. Christine suggested that the Executive Committee discuss a member's offer to create and maintain a Google Email Group for the pop-up field trips.

3. Photographic Society of America - Chuck noted PWCC is a member of the Photographic Society of America (PSA), a worldwide group of camera clubs and related groups. Membership for the Club is \$120 for three years. PSA offers a variety of resources to its member clubs. Individual memberships are also available. A report on PSA activities is regularly included in Photo Notes. It was unclear whether individuals who belong to a member club have access to these resources. It was suggested that a section be added to the website that lists the groups, like PSA and NYMACC, that PWCC belongs to.

B. From the Floor: Raylie Dunkel reported that she confirmed that the non-profit that she works with (see above under Treasurer's Report) is not charged fees on its account at TD Bank. She will follow up with Treasurer Joe Nawy.

VII. Good and Welfare

A. From the Chair:

1. Presby Iris Gardens: Chuck reported that he and Helen had visited the Presby Iris Gardens in Upper Montclair, NJ, and recommended that members consider visiting this site. It is not far from the NJ Transit train station.

2. Manhattanhenge 2024 - The first Manhattanhenge of 2024 will occur on May 28th and 29th. Members who wish to participate should look for cross-streets that have clear east-west sight lines.

B. From the Floor: Natalie Manzano reported that she has a solo exhibit, 'Patterns in Nature,' at the Knox Gallery in the Monterey Library in Monterey, MA, from August 2nd - September 7th.

VIII. Adjournment: There being no further business, the Zoom meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40PM.