

Minnesota Porcelain Art Guild Meeting Minutes 20 April 2018

President Deb Warwick called the meeting to order. Dolores Garbarini introduced her friend, Jan Herd. Minutes of the previous meeting (23 March 2018) were reviewed. Mistake of Dolores' name (minutes read "Doris") was noted – will be corrected in the March minutes.

Treasurer Becky Thompson gave the financial report. Beginning Checkbook Balance as of 3 March 2018 = \$1396.86. Total Income = \$400.00. Expenses = \$490.18. Ending Balances per bank statement of 2 April 2018 = Savings: \$4416.95; Checking: \$1617.86; Education Endowment: \$3485.30. Total Guild Assets = \$9520.11.

Sunshine Update: Dolores sent a sympathy card to Deb Warwick on the death of Deb's father. Dolores also contacted Bonnie Zopf to check on Bonnie's husband's health.

The total Lunch Count = 18.

Porcelain Exchange: Deb Warwick won a piece painted by Helen Petersen.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of not only exchanging our own pieces, but including things we've received from other painters. It was decided that we would try that at the Founders Day event. Therefore, there might be a third category for exchanging porcelain at the event.

Miscellaneous discussion: About who was going to the WOCP convention in Dubuque; Founders Day event discussed along with encouragement for painters to enter their pieces, improve them based on what the judges say, then enter improved pieces in the State Fair.

Nancy Bergman spoke about an old list she came across from a 2001 guest book.

Glo Carlson talked about a wire-wrapping seminar at Beth McCusker's studio in Aitkin. A couple of spots have opened up and are available, May 11-12.

Dolores Garbarini talked about Joyce Sandberg, who has quit painting. Joyce has things she'd like to sell.

Nancy Bergman spoke about the Lyon Show and about the WOCP Art Institute coming up in June in Oklahoma City. Nancy also spoke of shows in Miami and Texas, and noted that Peter Faust and Harun are joining Nancy at her family cabin later this summer.

Val Naber spoke about revamping the Guild Christmas and Founders Day events. Pat Meyer mentioned that in the past there had been a \$400 budget for some of the Guild parties. Val suggested that event planners be informed that money is available for enhancing the Guild events.

Discussion regarding respecting people's art; do not take pictures without permission.

Show and Tell: Val Naber showed a platter painted with a windmill and textured border achieved with saran wrap, as well as a sample tile of different ways to use saran wrap; she also showed a watercolor painting. Dolores Garbarini showed a set of blue wineglasses with scrollwork. Nancy Bergman shared a tea set done with gold and lusters, bringing a modern touch to old tea sets; also a vase with luster and gold, explaining that she likes to put mother of pearl on top of her golds, silvers, and coppers.

The meeting was adjourned, and lunch was followed by a paint along led by Deb Warwick.

Respectfully submitted by Barbie Braman (filling in for the Recording Secretary who was absent).