

Minnesota Porcelain Art Guild Meeting Minutes 23 March 2018

President Deb Warwick called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Minutes of the previous meeting (17 November 2017) were reviewed. Val Naber motioned to accept the minutes as printed; Sandy Jarosh seconded.

Treasurer Becky Thompson gave the financial report. Since there was no business meeting in December 2017, Becky first gave the financial numbers through the end of November, then presented a report that included December 2017 until March 2018. The December holiday party had 39 paid attendees (income to the Guild = \$1050.00) and a silent auction (income to the Guild = \$222.50). Beginning Checkbook Balance as of 20 January 2018 = \$1289.13. Total Income = \$1272.50. Expenses = \$1142.42. Ending Balances per bank statement of 1 March 2018 = Savings: \$4416.84; Checking: \$1396.86; Education Endowment: \$3485.21. Total Guild Assets as of 1 March = \$9298.91.

Sunshine Update: Dolores received no calls over the winter break, but she did send cards to Bonnie Bale and Helen Petersen to thank them for their gifts to the Guild of beautiful handmade cards, a card to Diane Chase to thank her for her service to the Guild, and a card to Ardy Bernier on the death of her brother.

The total Lunch Count = 19.

Porcelain Exchange: Helen Petersen won a piece painted by Dolores Garbarini.

Deb expressed thanks to everyone who helped with the holiday party. It was a great success.

Diane Chase has resigned her board position of 2nd Vice President due to changes in life circumstances. Deb announced that the Guild is in need of a 2nd VP as well as an Historian. A discussion of duties followed. Joyce Basham volunteered to fill the Historian position. Others are considering whether they can take on the 2nd VP duties.

Ardy Bernier passed out invitations for the 1 June Founders Day event and asked for some feedback on what should happen at the event. It was decided that there will be no silent auction at the spring event, but there will be one at the holiday party. Glo Carlson agreed to donate some door prizes for the Founders Day event. Kathy Barker talked about Guild events from the past, that there was a budgeted amount from the Guild for each event that could be used to make the day really special; she wondered if the Guild could do that again. Discussion followed. Deb reminded members about the Challenge for June (Bugs or Insects) and encouraged everyone to start painting.

Cherri Beisang gave an Education Committee report. Dates and location have been confirmed for the 2018 Porcelain Arts School. The dates are October 11, 12, and 13; the location is Dolores Garbarini's condo party room, Rosewood Village Condominiums, 1630 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113.

Helen Petersen invited everyone to attend the WOCP Regional Show in Dubuque next month. She handed out brochures and answered questions about the show.

Val Naber expressed thanks to all who had volunteered to give demos during the 2018 Guild meetings. There are still some slots to fill. Val passed around a sign-up sheet and encouraged members to sign up to give demos.

Show and Tell: Dolores Garbarini and Beth McCusker both showed enameled bisque eggs they have been working on. Bev Tidd-Parsons showed a pretty oval rose plate she "rescued" from ebay. Val Naber showed a child's tea pot, part of a set she has painted. Kathy Svendsen showed some jewelry pieces she has painted.

Helen Petersen announced a seminar with Ann Zitterkopf in Blue Earth following the WOCP Regional Show; a couple of openings remain. Joan Hudson informed the Guild that a foreign exchange student from Thailand wants to learn porcelain painting and will likely be joining us at the Guild. Beth McCusker announced that her sister will be teaching a seminar on wire-wrapping in mid-May at Beth's home studio in Aitkin; to sign up, see Beth.

Deb spoke a bit about teaching porcelain painting at the Normandale Art Day in February. She will be demonstrating that one-fire beginner's project at the April Guild meeting so other artists might be encouraged to use a simple project like this to introduce people to porcelain painting themselves.

Joan Hudson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Diane Chase seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. and was followed by a demo of painting wood grain by Val Naber.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Lindbloom, Recording Secretary.