

Minnesota Porcelain Art Guild Meeting Minutes 27 July 2018

In the absence of President Deb Warwick, Vice President Val Naber called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Minutes of the previous meeting (22 June 2018) were reviewed. Diane Chase motioned to accept the minutes as printed; Bev Johnson seconded. Motion carried. Val welcomed new member Jan Herd.

Treasurer Becky Thompson gave the financial report. Beginning Checkbook Balance as of 1 June 2018 = \$1781.89. Total Income = \$2123.00. Expenses = \$2850.60. Ending Balances per bank statement of 30 June 2018 = Savings: \$4417.28; Checking: \$2903.32; Education Endowment: \$3365.55. Total Guild Assets = \$10,686.15. Bev Johnson moved to accept the treasurer's report; Nancy Bergman seconded. Motion carried. Becky reported that 37 Guild members had paid their 2018 dues; the Guild also has 10 honorary members, giving us 47 total members. The treasurer noted that funds needed to be transferred from the savings account to the checking account to cover the \$727.38 shortfall. Val made a motion to transfer the funds; Dolores Garbarini seconded. Motion carried. Guild members were encouraged to bring friends to the meetings; a discussion regarding increasing membership ensued.

Sunshine Update: Ardy Bernier underwent surgery for cancer and is now awaiting the start of radiation treatment. She is doing okay. Joyce Basham's mother-in-law passed away. Dolores Garbarini's twin sisters are both currently in hospice.

The total Lunch Count = 22.

Porcelain Exchange: Lucy Deering won a piece painted by Sandy Jarosh.

Show and Tell: Bev Tidd-Parsons showed a butterfly plate she painted that she adorned with black enamel. Pat Meyer noted that she had information regarding a kiln for sale. Nancy Bergman showed two porcelain wine glasses she painted and spoke about the process of finding a design that would work for the 400 glasses she is painting for an IPAT event to take place in Florida next month. She also showed several pieces she did at the WOCP Art Institute, as well as a pendant painted by Beatriz Ramirez. Val Naber showed a tile she painted of her father's tackle box. She also showed some test pieces with fired-on images and acetone transfers. Kathy Svendsen showed some of her free-form porcelain trees that she had painted. Nancy Bergman noted that she still has some spots left for the Peter Faust and Harun Aschrafi seminar coming up in August. She passed around pictures of the projects painters have to choose from.

Holiday Party: Val noted that Ardy needs some help with the 2018 Holiday Party. Jacque Frogg volunteered to help Ardy, and Barbie Braman volunteered to help as well.

State Fair: Diane Chase reminded the Guild that registration for competition pieces closes on August 7. The Guild's demo day is Monday, August 27. Diane asked for painters to demonstrate. Sandy Jarosh, Deb Warwick, Barbie Braman, Sharon Lindbloom, Kathy Svendsen, and Nancy Bergman volunteered. Diane will bring admission tickets to the August Guild meeting. Artists were encouraged to paint for the Fair and fill the display case. Nancy Bergman suggested that the Guild consider including a Junior Division for the 2019 State Fair.

Members Sale: Nancy Bergman passed around a sign-up sheet and explained the cost of sales tables for those who would like to be vendors at the sale. It needs to be determined whether the Guild needs an extra room for the sale day; another room incurs added cost to the Guild. A discussion ensued regarding the future of the members sale, with suggestions to consider an every-other-year sale, or an every-month sale. The discussion moved to the Guild's financial position and membership dues vs. fund raisers. Becky Thompson noted that in the past Guild members preferred raising the membership dues rather than painting and donating items to be used at Guild events.

Education: Cherri Beisang noted that the Education Committee was meeting with the Art School teachers that afternoon. The registration forms for the November 1-3 Porcelain Art School will be sent out soon.

The August Guild meeting will host a paint-along of miniature roses, led by Glo Carlson. A supply list will be sent to members via email. Nancy Bergman generously offered to supply the porcelain for this paint-along.

Becky Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barbie Braman seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. and was followed by a demo ("Card on a Mug") that involved using greeting cards for inspiration, taught by Bev Johnson.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Lindbloom, Recording Secretary.