

Minnesota Porcelain Art Guild Meeting Minutes 21 September 2018

President Deb Warwick called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Minutes of the previous meeting (24 August 2018) were reviewed. Barbie Braman made a motion to accept the minutes as printed; Sharon Lindbloom seconded; the motion carried.

Treasurer Becky Thompson reported on the Guild's finances: 1 August Checkbook Balance = \$1054.29. Total Income = \$465.00. Expenses = 587.59. Ending balances per bank statement of 31 August 2018: Savings: \$3687.50; Checking: \$2794.29; Education Endowment: 3265.72. Total Guild Assets = \$9747.51. Treasurer's Report will be put on file for audit.

Teachers for the upcoming Porcelain Art School showed samples of pieces they had painted using the ideas and techniques that will be taught at the school in November. Nancy Bergman reminded Guild members that the purpose of the school is to promote growing and learning through techniques, design and building confidence.

The Sunshine update was provided by Beth McCusker in Dolores Garbarini's absence. Dolores sent cards to Joyce Basham who had broken her ankle; Kathy Barker on the death of her daughter; and Cherri Beisang who was injured in a fall. It was reported that Dolores' sister, who had been on hospice care, died. Also, Ardy Bernier's husband is in the process of having heart concerns diagnosed, Lori Katz is soon to have back surgery, Lucy Deering is recovering from surgery, and Bonnie Zopfi's husband (Roger) is unwell.

The total Lunch Count = 19 people.

Porcelain Exchange: Suspended for the month of September. In October Janet Herd will provide a painted piece to October's winner.

Barbie Braman confirmed that the 2018 Holiday Party will be held at Axel's in Mendota Heights. It will include Bingo, which was popular at the 2017 party. Ardy Bernier will be sending out invitations soon.

Deb Warwick asked Guild members to be thinking about demonstrating at next year's Minnesota State Fair. She would like to have demonstrators there multiple days rather than just one, so artists would need to commit to longer blocks of demonstration time. Sharon Lindbloom mentioned that the Guild business cards that were purchased last year for use at the Fair have gone missing, and requested that people check to see if they might have them.

Dodie Henry noted that there were only three porcelain entries in the Dakota County Fair (open to all residents in that county and surrounding counties). Dodie and Barbie Braman both offered to provide the Guild with registration information for the 2019 fair.

Nancy Bergman raised the suggestion that the Guild start a closed-group Facebook page for the purpose of sharing Guild news and updates with Guild members. Discussion ensued; no decisions were made.

Show and Tell: Susan Peterson showed a plate painted by Paula White that Susan won at an auction. Bev Tidd-Parsons showed a poppy plate she painted for a MNWOCP competition, and also a tile she painted with a fairy that included shiny penwork (using Whit pen oil). Cherri Beisang showed a vase she painted with roses that won a red ribbon at the MN State Fair. Nancy Bergman showed a pendant she painted using a Versa pen and metallic paint, a luster drip vase with a new combination of colors, and a newspaper article (with photos) that appeared in the Annandale Advocate reporting on the Peter Faust seminar in August.

Cherri Beisang reminded Guild members that there is still time and space to sign up for the Minnesota Porcelain Art School.

Deb Warwick reminded everyone that the challenge piece for the November meeting is "Christmas."

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 and members were released to go shop at the September Members' Sale.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Lindbloom, Recording Secretary.