

Minnesota Porcelain Art Guild Meeting Minutes 26 October 2018

President Deb Warwick called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Colleen Stephens moved to accept the minutes as read, which was seconded by Nancy Bergman. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Becky Thompson reported on the Guild Finances. The Checkbook balance was \$2299.31. Income was \$605 and expenses were \$593.35. The savings balance was \$3687.59 and the Education Endowment fund is \$3145.8. Total Guild assets are \$9132.70. The report will be put on file for audit. Dan Bergman audited the books and all accounts were approved. The Guild used to pay Shirley Foster's husband (an accountant) \$50.00 to audit the books. It was suggested that we give Dan a gift card in the \$50 amount which he declined. He donated the suggested amount as a gift to the Guild.

Sunshine Update: Dolores Garbarini thanked the Guild and all the members who sent her cards when her sister died. Bonnie Bale's sister died, Bonnie Zopfi's husband Roger is no doing well. Lori Katz will be having surgery in November. Jean Witt died after a fall. Sharon Lindbloom's father is in the last stages of his life. Cards have been or will be mailed to all.

Lunch count today is 20.

Porcelain Exchange: Cherri Beisang won a piece painted by Janet Herd.

Old Business: Cherri Beisang reported on the Education School to be held Nov 1-3. Fourteen members are signed up. There are still openings if you want to sign up. Lunches will be provided by the Nelson's.

Invitations to the Holiday party are on the table. Please pick up your envelope and return to Ardy by November 23rd. Make check to MPAG and be sure to enter your choice of meal. Cost is \$25. We will have a silent auction, Santa Bingo and the mug or ornament exchange. The party is at Axel's in Mendota Heights on December 7th.

New Business: After the Guild Meeting on Sept 21st, the Board held a meeting. The People's choice for the May 2019 Event will be "new beginnings". The piece will use regular paints with two added embellishments: luster, gold, white velvet or textures.

2019 will be the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the MN Porcelain Art Guild founded by Rose Wynne. We need suggestions on how to celebrate this. Possibilities are a charity event, or maybe painting for the next Governor. Please think about this and bring your suggestions to the November Meeting. The Board also discussed the possibility of lowering the amount given to the paint-a-long teachers to \$65 and a free lunch. We need to review what the teachers need to supply. In the past, teachers were to pay for all the supplies, paints and were to buy porcelain pieces that would be paid for by the Guild. The last couple of years, we members were all given a list to bring so the Board did not think the teachers needed to be reimbursed the extra \$20 for supplies. More discussion will take place about this. The Board did not mean to disrespect teachers. The Board also discussed changing the format for the Event in 2019. Since we are only getting 20-30 members to attend, we can no longer afford the amount we need to spend on food for using the Banquet Room. We can eat in our normal meeting room with having space for our demo's there. We can rent part of the Turnbury Room for competition and displays. We do not feel we can continue to meet the minimum fees for food with the decrease in attendance. The Board also decided not to rent the Turnbury room for the members' sale. The room fee is \$225 and we did not collect that amount. We decided to let one vendor sell at each month's meeting. We will do a sign up for future months.

Show and tell: Diane Chase brought the pieces that she entered in the MN State Fair and one piece that she wanted critique on. She entered racoons, a sunflower bowl painted both inside and underside, a Stein with a lighthouse, a nightlight with forget-me-nots, and a mug with a Tuscany scene on it. Barbie Braham brought the vase with lusters which won her a ribbon at the State Fair. Susan Peterson showed leaves that she cut from pop cans. She will donate them to her church sale which only accepts handmade items. Nancy Bergman brought her tiles that will be used at the school and also showed a Limoges mug that she painted.

After meeting was adjourned, all enjoyed the Demo by Lucy Deering.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Meyer for Sharon Lindbloom, Recording Secretary

ADDENDUM: Executive Board members are listed on page 2.

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Executive Board Members:

Deb Warwick, President

Val Naber, 1st Vice President

Diane Chase, 2nd Vice President

Becky Thompson, Treasurer

Ardy Bernier, Corresponding Secretary

Sharon Lindbloom, Recording Secretary

Nancy Bergman, Tax Consultant