

## **Minnesota Porcelain Art Guild Meeting Minutes 22 March 2019**

Deb Warwick called the meeting to order at 9:35. The minutes from the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were read. Correction needed: Sandy Jarosh and Bev Johnson should be added to the names of those who painted ornaments for the servers at Midland Hills. Nancy Bergman moved to have the minutes accepted pending noted correction; Becky Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Becky Thompson reported on the Guild's finances, including 2018 year end and Jan-Feb 2019. As of 28 February: 30 December 2019 Checkbook Balance = \$1637.68. Total Income = \$0. Expenses = \$106.00. Ending Checkbook Balance = \$1531.68. Total Guild Assets = \$7665.72. Becky also informed Guild members that any additional beverages requested at the meetings (beyond those that are already set out on the table or service counter) incur an additional charge. Members should pay their servers directly for these extras.

The Sunshine update was provided by Dolores Garbarini. Dolores received no calls that reported well-being concerns over the winter break, but she knew of and sent cards from the Guild to Marsha Fredrickson on the death of her husband and Bonnie Bale on the death of her sister. On a happy note, Dolores recently celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. She treated all members present to dessert to celebrate this creative friendship.

The total Lunch Count = 17 people. Porcelain Exchange: Lucy Deering won a piece painted by Susan Peterson.

Show and Tell: Diane Chase showed a mug she had painted with a cardinal in a pine tree. She painted it for a mug exchange, but when her husband saw the mug come out of the kiln, he liked it so much that she couldn't give it away. Ardy Bernier showed a tile she painted with dragonflies and a very creative background using several techniques.

Deb noted that the porcelain and painting supplies displayed on a table in the room were given to the Guild from the Nola Wagner estate. These things were freely passed on to members at the meeting. Deb thanked Ardy Bernier, Barbie Braman, Nancy Bergman, and Kathy Svendsen for their work in organizing such a fun Holiday Party last December. Val reminded members that the Guild will no longer hold the September members' sale and will instead to let one vendor sell at each month's meeting. She sent around sign-up sheets for vendors who want to participate. Val also asked for meeting demo volunteers and people willing to serve on the Guild's executive board of directors. Sign-up sheets were also passed for these things. Deb introduced discussion regarding the Guild's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, asking for ideas to commemorate this. Ideas mentioned: A banner for the State Fair demo day(s), greeters for the Founder's Day Luncheon, a commemorative embroidered patch, a historical display at the Luncheon.

Ardy spoke about the upcoming Luncheon (May 17<sup>th</sup>) and said invitations will go out next week. Theme colors are black and white with gold and a little pink. Deb reminded members to paint for the event, as well as for the State Fair. Deb offered to help people with State Fair registration if needed. She also asked members to consider demonstrating at the Fair. It was noted that the Guild business cards are in Diane Chase's possession. Members were also informed about the Guild's new Facebook page (Minnesota Porcelain Art Guild), encouraged to join that online group, and invite others who might be interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30. It was followed by Nancy Berman demonstrating underglaze and in-glaze techniques. The Guild's next meeting will be on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Lindbloom, Recording Secretary.