

## **Minnesota Porcelain Art Guild Meeting Minutes 26 April 2019**

Deb Warwick called the meeting to order at 9:35. The minutes from the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were read. Barbie Braman moved to accept the minutes; Nancy Bergman seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Becky Thompson gave the financial report. Beginning Checkbook Balance as of 28 February 2019 = \$1531.68. Total Income = \$355.00. Expenses = \$35.00. Ending Balances per bank statement of 31 March 2019 = Savings: \$3688.14; Checking: \$1851.68; Education Endowment: \$2446.19. Total Guild Assets = \$7986.01. Becky will be collecting membership dues at the Founders Day Luncheon in May.

The Sunshine update was provided by Dolores Garbarini. Kathy Barker had suffered a broken wrist. Dodie Henry had thyroid surgery. Pat Meyers' son-in-law has been diagnosed with brain cancer. Lois Pribble had brain surgery. Sandy Jarosh's son-in-law passed away from Huntington's Disease. Bonnie Bale was thanked for donating beautiful cards to be used by the Sunshine Committee.

The total Lunch Count = 25 people. Porcelain Exchange: Becky Thompson won a piece painted by Lucy Deering (who will bring it for Becky at another meeting).

Show and Tell: Beth McCusker showed a vase and a tray she painted with poppies. Dolores Garbarini showed wine glasses she had enameled as party favors for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Becky Thompson showed several porcelain eggs she had painted with lusters and china paint. Susan Peterson showed (and sold) three pieces that had been painted by other talented artists. Sandy Jarosh showed a hand-built vase she painted, explaining that it had been missing for over 20 years. Deb Warwick, Sandy Jarosh, Barbie Braman, and Sharon Lindbloom showed pieces they had painted together with a Chinese Lantern motif.

Deb encouraged artists to paint and enter pieces in the 2019 State Fair. She offered to help with registration and transporting pieces to and from the fairgrounds if needed. The Guild is hoping to have a banner at the Fair announcing its 50-year anniversary; awaiting approval from the Fair authorities. The Guild would also like to add two more categories to the State Fair competition (i.e., Youth and Pen Work); Becky will do her best to remember to accomplish that for the 2020 State Fair.

Nancy Bergman opened a discussion suggesting Minnesota's two porcelain painting clubs (MPAG and WOCP) find a way to support one another in order to strengthen our art form. She proposed providing an opportunity to help upcoming porcelain art teachers learn how to teach and become more confident. Follow-on discussion explored how to organize better-attended events. Members were challenged to bring new people to events and Guild meetings; a suggestion was made to hand out invitational cards.

Several slots for 2020 Guild meeting demonstrations are yet to be filled. Consideration is being given to having a round-robin demonstration for the October 2019 meeting. Sale table slots are also available for the 2019 meetings. There is no charge for a sales table, but vendors are encouraged to make a donation of their choice to the Guild. Barbie Braman brought painting supplies from Carol Krech to be sold at today's meeting. Carol plans to donate half of the proceeds to the Guild.

Deb talked about the upcoming election for new board members. She also raised the question of whether the Lady Slipper newsletter should be continued to be produced. Many indicated that they read the newsletter; others suggested that the website fills the role of the newsletter. Discussion on this will continue at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45, followed by Deb Warwick demonstrating burl wood and other textures. The Guild's next regular meeting will be on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Ardy Bernier will demonstrate grounding techniques.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Lindbloom, Recording Secretary.