

Minnesota Porcelain Art Guild Meeting Minutes for June 28, 2019

President Deb Warwick called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM. Members read the minutes for the April meeting. There were no corrections. M/S by Pat Meyer and Carol * to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Deb thanked all who worked on the Founders Day Event. Their efforts were greatly appreciated by all who came.

Treasurer Becky Thompson gave the financial report. The Beginning Checkbook Balance as of April 30, 2019 was: 2,212.48. Total Income: \$2,080.37. Total Expenses: \$1,479.48. Ending Checkbook Balance as of May: \$2,897.53. Savings: \$3,688.33. Education Endowment: \$2,446.32. Total Guild Assets: \$9,032.18. All bills are current with one not received yet.

Becky has the sign-up sheet for monthly meeting sales. She also has the extra Guild badges for sale at \$3 each.

The Sunshine report was given by Dolores Garbarini. Pat Meyer is now healing from a broken clavicle. Barbie Braman has had foot surgery. Dodie Henry is now healing from thyroid cancer and her son-in-law is recovering in a Golden Valley care facility.

The Lunch Count was 22. Exchange: Sandy Jarosh won a small plate painted by Becky Thompson.

For Show and Tell, Beth McCusker showed her plate painted with Joni* at the WOCP* event. She also told of her sisters and their friends getting together for a day or two of creating at her house and showed some of the results. Dolores Garbarini also showed her plate done at the WOCP* event with Joni* and her pitcher entered into competition at our own event. She took the advice given by the judge and produced a piece she likes better than the previous one.

Discussion followed about how competition and judging are done for events. Number of judges has evolved due to funding and time available. Our event is all on the same day now. Execution should be more important than subject of piece or shape of piece used. Personal feelings of judge should not be so important, but suggestions of how to be a better painter and how to grow as an artist would be useful criteria.

Discussion on international painters and firing temperatures which are different in other countries followed. Many porcelain artists fire much hotter than we are used to in this country, beginning with 014 as first fire. We were reminded that the first fire determines all succeeding temps. "Gold" colors need relatively hotter temps to get their best color. Paint containing Cadmium does NOT fire well with those not containing Cadmium.

The MN State Fair happens from August 22 through Labor Day, September 2, 2019. We are all encouraged to paint and fill up the display. Anyone needing help Registering (must be done ahead of time) and/or transporting pieces, should contact Deb. Diane Chase was contacted by the new person in charge of Demos for the Fair. We would like to add categories for Penwork and Young Painters (14 yrs. and under) Hopefully, this can happen next year as it is too late for such a request this year. Hours of demonstrating would be 9AM – 5PM with some time off at lunch. There will be tickets for free admission for demonstrators. A sign-up sheet will be sent around.

New Business: The consideration of demos for our meetings will be taken up at the next Board Meeting.

The Education Committee will be meeting after this meeting to discuss how a "Round Robin" might work.

Members are encouraged to use our website. A discussion followed about the Ladyslipper; whether or not it should be "published." Beth McCusker offered to help Barbie Braman with the content. This item will be tabled to the next Board meeting. A projector to help with demonstrations was suggested.

In a mixed media category in any art, transfers could be considered acceptable. Our tradition has been the more original, the better. The point of the studies we use is to be a guide only. If you "copy," the original artist must be listed.

July dues will still be accepted next month or may be sent to Becky Thompson.

Our next meeting will be August 16, 2019. This is a Date change.

Respectfully submitted, Beverly Johnson, Recording Secretary