

The August 16, 2019 meeting of the MPAG was called to order by President Deb Warwick at 9:30 AM. It was noted that our numbers may be lower this month due to being on a different Friday (usually we meet on the fourth Friday) and another seminar has drawn some members (Mary Gosden is teaching in Blue Earth.) A gentle reminder was offered to silence your cell 'phones.

Members read through the Minutes of the July 28, 2019 meeting. Moved by Val and second by Dolores, to accept as corrected. The audit was done by Nancy's husband, Dan, and not Becky's husband. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Becky (attached). She also noted that August has had historically low attendance. Income was \$720.00; Expenses were \$493.06. Beginning checkbook balance (as of 6-30-2019) \$1,559.60 and Ending checkbook balance (as of 7-30-2019) \$2,627.54. The Savings Account is \$2,688 and the Education account \$2,251.43 with a Total Worth of \$7,567.43 (as of 4-30-2019). Discussion continued concerning our funds. A poll of members present resulted in a motion by Val, second by Dolores, to raise the amount each member must pay for a lunch to \$25, effective next month (September) and 2020 Dues to \$35. Motion passed. Nancy will renew our non-profit designation for our organization. It must be done every year.

Sunshine- Dolores has talked with Lois Pribble and will remind her of the change or date for the October meeting. Barbie Braman has had gall bladder surgery. Bonnie Bale is attending this meeting and is better after her cancer has been removed. Bonnie Martinson's cat companion was bitten by a raccoon and unexpectedly died. Pat's son-in-law is now home recovering.

Lunch Count – 14

Nancy suggested that since we have a new server it would be nice to call by her name -Ashley.

Show and Tell – Dolores showed a set of clear glass shot glasses and bowl which she decorated with scrolling and jewels that were glued on. The glue used was Fabri-tac which does not yellow as badly as E6000. Another tip (given by Beth) to thin 527 jewelry glue, which is not water soluble, to use acetone drop by drop. Becky showed a piece she wanted to add grounding to and referred to notes taken when MaryAnn Putzier demonstrated the technique. Nancy showed a large bowl she is taking to the Omaha show as a silent auction piece. It included 6-8 techniques and 10 fires in a combined flowers and contemporary shapes on both inside and outside of the piece. Bev Tidd showed some ideas for quick ornaments using pencil lines for guides in printing, fired luster, and unfired glitter with textured ribbon around the edge. Val showed a piece that she had done twice – once on porcelain and once with water color to show the difference of working in the two different media.

Porcelain Exchange – Bonnie Bale won a beautiful cardinal painted by Pat Meyer.

Fair – Diane is attending the seminar in Blue Earth but will send the tickets to those demonstrating at the State Fair. The times of demonstrations are 9AM to Noon and 1PM to 4PM August 27, 28 and 29.

October Meeting – The team of Val and Nancy have come up with a novel idea for a round-robin sort of demonstrations. Each person will have the opportunity to enjoy 5 demos presented by the members of the Education Committee. Participants are encouraged to wear a hat for the season and/or paint a piece for fall or Halloween. Members are invited to invite others. Non-members will have to pay \$10 extra. Reservations will be handled the same as usual to avoid confusion. Payment to be made at the time of the meeting, October 18. We are assured there will be fun and many other surprises included.

Bylaws – The Bylaws will be updated and/or changed and handed out to all members by mail. Ideas for changes should be to Val in order to be voted on by members at the September meeting. Job descriptions have changed. The Education Committee ran the School; First Vice-President ran the Show and the Lady Slipper; Second Vice-President ran all the Parties (Christmas, Spring, etc.) Now we have no Show.

Sharon will be training Val to be webmaster. Val moved, second by Carol Barrymore, to accept the slate of Officers as follows: President – Deb Warwick, 1st Vice-Pres – Val Nabor, 2nd Vice-Pres – Barbie Braman, Recording Secretary – Bev Johnson; Treasurer - Becky Thompson. Motion carried. Other appointments: Sunshine – Dolores Garbarini, Lady Slipper – Beth McCusker, Historian – Joyce Basham

Patches are still available for \$3 each from Becky.

The next meeting is Friday, September 27, 2019. Kathy Svendsen will be demonstrating palette knife painting on porcelain. Val passed around the list of open and filled demonstration dates for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM followed by Becky Thompson's demonstration on Bird Christmas Ornaments.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Johnson, Recording Secretary