



Michigan Silversmiths Guild

Executive Board Meeting
Sunday, November 15, 2009

OFFICERS

Christine Bossler
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Richard Locke
Treasurer

Jennifer Thomson
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Juanita Bitonti
Bill Fitzpatrick
Kathy Fitzpatrick
Skip Hunter
Mary Kernahan
Tiffany Massey
Steve Tracy

IN ATTENDANCE: Christine, Jennifer, Bill, Kathy, Mary, Steve, Ericia, Richard

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 pm at the home of Jennifer Thomson.

Last month's minutes were accepted as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

2009 - 2010 budget: Christine distributed a proposed budget for the fiscal year 9/1/09 - 8/31/10. We went through the document line by line with Christine clarifying the details. Minor corrections were discussed - mainly that there should be more postage budgeted for the Art Fair Committee to mail out application packets to art schools in Michigan. Jennifer will let Christine know how much was spent this year for this.

Before corrections, the projection was for total earned income of \$2,150.00, total cash expenses of \$1,756.33 for a net of \$393.67.

The proposed budget was accepted with corrections. The final figures will be slightly different from the above reported.

Christine also presented a budget statement for the past fiscal year. She will try to reconstruct similar documents for previous years so that we will have 4 full years of budgets which are needed for the 501(c)3 application process.

Christine was thanked for her hard work on this.

Articles of Incorporation: The amended articles were emailed to the Board several weeks ago. No one had any comments or corrections. All Board members present signed the document. Skip had signed previously since he knew he would be absent today. Christine will get the other necessary signatures and send in the document. She hopes to get this done by end of December since filing fees increase in Jan.

Next Steps in Pursuing 501(c)3 status: the EIN form is filled out and will be filed shortly. Christine is working on the 4 years of budgets. When these items are completed, we will be ready to go forward.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ercia reported

Workshops: Ercia stated that it has been hard to get going on a fall workshop since she is starting from scratch. She suggested that in the future when the VP term is up for reelection, plans for the fall workshop should be in place.

Ercia is focusing on low cost workshops to begin with. She has arranged a basic studio casting workshop to be held on **Saturday, Jan. 16th**, 10am-5pm with an hour for lunch. this will be held at AU Enterprises. The fee will be \$30 including lunch. Linus at AU Enterprises has offered the workshop for free so that the guild could use the money for other activities. The day will be capped off with our holiday party at Angelina's restaurant in Detroit.

A follow up workshop is proposed for Feb. which will be a more in-depth study of metals, specifically non-tarnish silver. The format will be the same, with lunch included and a stipend for AU Enterprises.

Future workshops: Ercia is working on a 2 day workshop on **Colors for Metalsmiths** for March. The first day would be color pencils on metal with Danielle Crissman, the second day- resin with Renee Zettle-Sterling or someone comparable. Details need to be worked out.

A 2-day workshop on **Textures** is proposed for June. Textures in nature with Richard Grinstien for 1 day, and ?? for day 2.

October would be the time for a big name workshop. Perhaps a 2 or 3 day intensive hydraulic press workshop, enamels with Barbara Miner or Linda Darty....

Ercia plans to finalize these plans and have a postcard listing the workshop schedule ready to pass out at the holiday party.

Holiday Party: Ercia has reserved a room at Angelina's Italian Bistro for our holiday party this year. With an estimate of 40 attendees, the cost for food and wine would be \$313.71. Attendees will be asked to bring a handmade gift for a white elephant gift exchange during the party. She has made a flyer which will be on the web page and will be included in the Dec. newsletter.

Ercia's report was accepted with enthusiasm.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Richard reported

The bank accounts have all been switched over to Richard's name and he is getting familiar with the software. Reports were presented for the months of September and October. Richard noted that there are a few checks that have not cleared. Christine will

follow up with Dianne Debeixedon about the uncleared check for \$150 - she was an award winner at the J&O show.

Christine requested that a summary report also be presented at each Board meeting. Richard will do this from now on. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership/Sponsorship: Christine reported that Marilyn Southern has resigned her position on the MSG Board. Christine has taken over the membership and sponsorship duties for this year and commended Marilyn on her organization and record keeping in this position.

Membership: There were 9 new members in Sept., and 2 in November. Total memberships are 81 including the 25 free high school memberships we provided as part of the J&O show.

Sponsorship: Christine has sent out 10 solicitation letters asking companies to renew or join us as a sponsor. CR Hill, and G&S Metals have renewed, AU Metals has joined as a new sponsor. Their ads will be included in the Dec. newsletter.

Newsletter: Jennifer reported that the December newsletter is in progress. She has begun formatting it and has sent out an email to the membership asking for contributions.

Web Master/Publicity: Christine reported that she has confirmed with Juanita that our face book page should be up and running by tomorrow (Nov. 16).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ann Arbor Art Fair: Jennifer presented a final budget report. She noted an error - \$375 booth fee should be added to expenses. With this correction, Total Income was \$1,995, expenses were \$3,108.43 for net loss of \$1,113.43. Jennifer noted that since the Board had approved spending \$2,000 on new cases, this figure is really not so bad. The individual artist booth fee next year will probably be less.

Jennifer and Mary are planning to meet before the next Board meeting to start the transition of chair persons.

Jewelry + Objects Show: Steve reported that he is waiting on information from Idelle (past chairperson) so he can get a feel for what he should be doing and some sort of time line. So far, he is looking at several places to hold the 2011 show: DIA, Midland Center for the Performing Arts, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Forest Hills Center for the Arts and the Ann Arbor Art Center.

Richard suggested also looking into the Meijer Sculpture Garden in Midland.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 24, 2010 at 12 noon at Jennifer's house.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.