



Michigan Silversmiths Guild

Executive Board Meeting

Sunday, March 22, 2009

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Christine, Skip, Cheryl, Idelle, Larry, Steve, Bill & Kathy, Annette, Richard, and Juanita

The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm in the home of Larry Newhouse.

Last month's minutes were accepted as is.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Bylaws: Christine reported she has contacted a lawyer, to review our revised articles of incorporation next week; if the Free Wayne State Law Clinic can not review them do we want to seek another lawyer?

Christine still waiting for response from Graham Beal at DIA, concerning associating the DIA with the guild as they once had according to the articles of incorporation.

Motion made: If Wayne State does not review, then Christine to send to state.
Motion accepted and seconded.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Tiffany was absent. Christine talked to her by phone and shared her report with the board. Tiffany has been working with Stacy Lee Webber on a finalized date for the Filigree workshop. Currently is scheduled for May 9/10. It was brought up that this is Mother's Day weekend. Christine will confirm this with Tiffany, as this would pose a problem if scheduled on Mother's Day weekend. It is not yet confirmed where the workshop will be held.

It was discussed that Mary Kernahan sent out an email to find out if the board was supportive of one-day, low budget or beginner's workshops.

Workshops: It was recommended a possible restructure of the workshop registration forms may be necessary to take into account the timing to receive the registration forms prior to

purchasing materials for workshops. Also, that the forms should include the list of materials, lab fees, food, etc that are included in the workshop price.

Discussion tabled for later discussion/meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Annette reported:

For 2009, beginning balance was \$9,689.42

YTD Total Income: \$3,450.00 (memberships/workshops/jury fees)

YTD Total Expenses: \$4,358.80

YTD Net Loss: -\$908.80

Ending Balance: \$8,780.62

The report was accepted.

MEMBERSHIP/SPONSORSHIP

Marilyn was absent. There was some confusion about the membership report.

After some discussion, and due to Marilyn's absence, a Motion to table as old business was made.

Motion seconded.

NEWSLETTER

Per Christine, Shawn Forman has volunteered for the newsletter editor responsibilities. Christine will train Shawn for this role.

WEBSITE

Juanita reported. Due to the current employment situation in Michigan, she will be adding a new feature to the website news/events listings: job opportunities.

The job opportunities posted will consist only of metalsmith/silversmith employment opportunities that come to her attention through SnagNet or other publications.

HISTORIAN:

Skip and Cheryl are putting together the history documents to be included in the Jewelry and Objects catalog. Skip to complete the history report in time for the catalog to go to printer; which is currently April 15.

Skip would like to include the MSG website in the MSG archives. Christine to check on this further.

ANN ARBOR ART FAIR:

Jennifer absent: Skip stated the Jury Committee are meeting next week to go through art fair submissions.

JEWELRY + OBJECTS SHOW:

Idelle reported. Committee and Juror, John Whittersheim, met last Friday for jury process.

Artists submitted: 44
Pieces submitted: 115
Photos submitted: 149
Artists accepted: 39
Pieces chosen for show: 57

Letters of Acceptance/Rejection have been formulated and those letters to be sent out asap in order to move forward with finalizing the catalog.

Pat Garrett was not able to attend jury process due to health reasons. It was discussed that, in the future, alternate jurors should be selected as backup in the event of unforeseen circumstances preventing a juror from attending.

Cheryl stated, of the 57 pieces chosen for the show, 30 pieces are able to “travel” for sale to Rogers City to Domaci Gallery. Cheryl to inform the gallery by end of March on status.

Christine presented her postcard design for the J&O Show. The final design was voted on by the board members.

Discussion about demos for J&O: to be decided by the J&O committee.

Catalogs: 100 catalogs to be printed. Sell price: \$15 each in person \$20 online.
Complimentary catalog to be given to participants, high-school participant’s schools, and sponsors. Accepted.

Motion to make catalog available as free download after the show ends: Accepted.

Prize breakdown was discussed; cash, prizes, workshops, gems.

Guild/Board to spend \$550 in prizes of (1) at \$250, (1) at \$150, (1) at \$100, (1) at \$50, plus (2) workshop awards.
Accepted and seconded.

“Anonymous” award of \$300

Juror to give out monetary awards. Committee to give out non-monetary awards. Accepted and seconded.

NEW BUSINESS:

Idelle initiated a discussion to pursue MSG (accepting) credit cards - for memberships, T-shirt/Apron purchases, art fair, etc. Idelle recommended using Merchant Warehouse and can provide quotes and additional personal-use information. Christine to also get quotes from others to discuss feasibility and implementation.

This discussion was tabled.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, May 3 at the home of Skip Hunter

Meeting called to close at 4:10pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Juanita Bitonti, Publicity/Webmaster