



Michigan Silversmiths Guild

Executive Board Meeting

Sunday, August 8, 2010

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Christine, Richard, Mary, Bill, Kathy, Skip

The meeting was called to order at 12:05pm in the home of Richard Locke.

Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2010 were accepted as corrected. Minor correction was made to the J+O Committee report to read: *The following are jobs that have been suggested assigned.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

501c3 application update: Christine reported the application and all the components are complete except for the financial portion. The IRS increased the number of reporting years from 4 to 5. There is also some confusion about how detailed the report should be.

End of the year wrap up: Christine reported that the directors and committee chairs will need to submit end of the year financial reports and proposed annual budget requests by August 31st. One copy should go to Christine and the other to Richard, forms will be made for directors and committee chairs to follow. In addition, everyone was also asked to write a short "how to" on their committee assignment so that we can start keeping folders for board members to follow and pass each year, hopefully to create a more clean transition from year to year.

All Membership Meeting: Christine reported that EMU confirmed September 19th as the date for the All Membership Meeting. Several artists were suggested, an agenda was presented and a budget of \$435 was requested.

Motion was made to accept the All Membership Meeting agenda, recommended artists, and budget as presented: Accepted

Action Items: call IRS and get clarification on financial reports needed for 501c3 and schedule a date to meet with Richard., create format for end of the year reports and email to the board with instructions, confirm lecture and continue with All Membership meeting planning.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Ericia was absent but emailed a report.

October 2010 the guild will sponsor a workshop on form and texture. Danielle Crissman has confirmed the date of October 9th. She will teach chasing. Everyone will make a few tools and learn to put them to good use. Second day will be taught by a second artist, still working on getting confirmation.

In November 2010, the guild will sponsor a workshop relating to color methods. Renee Zettle-Sterling will do one day that will encompass quick mold making techniques and color applications. She will venture into flocking and tool dip. Second day will be taught by a second artist, still working on getting confirmation.

For the January Holiday party G&S would love to host us in the early evening. If this would work we would do a tour of the facility and then enjoy some crackers and wine.,. Maybe we could get someone in Ann Arbor to have the party at their house???? This would cost less and it seems to be a small group. If not i will look for a venue up there to have it at.

Marilyn DaSilva has confirmed that she will be our juror for Jewelry & Objects Exhibition in 2011. Her and Jack will do a 2 day demo when they come into town. They will take 20 students and split the group in half. One day students will learn forming with Jack and the next color pencil on copper with Marilyn. This should make for a great year of Form and Color.

A post card for the workshops will be available at the September meeting.

For next year's annual meeting I propose a weekend event. We would do a lecture on the meeting date and a workshop attached for one day. I have a great idea for this sculptor named Wargin. I think we should approach the subject of concept.. and how to make it work.

Motion to accept the proposed idea for next years meeting was made and accepted.

Action Items: confirm second day artists for October and November, confirm location for holiday party, create post card for annual meeting, contact Wargin for 2011 Annual Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Richard reported:

Beginning balance was \$9,622.78

There were \$505.95 expenses, mostly art fair related and renewing our domain name.

Ending Balance: \$9,116.83

Motion to accept the report as written was made and accepted.

Action Items: Set a date with Christine to work on our financial report for the guilds 501c3 application and review end of the year report and proposed budget for 2010-11.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP/SPONSORSHIP

Christine reported that our final membership count for the 2009-2010 membership cycle was 95 members, last year we had 115, the difference was attributed to being a Jewelry + Objects year. The 2009-2010 membership brake down:

Active Members: 45

Student Members: 40

Additional Family Members: 4

Lifetime Members this year: 0

Life time Members total: 6

Free high school Members from the J+O Exhibition: 25

*Communication Preference:
70 Parcel Post
25 Electronic

The 2010-11 Membership forms and additional papers are all set for the new membership cycle. Christine is hoping to find a replacement for the Membership Chair.

Next step is to review sponsorship letters and applications and mail them out. Christine is hoping to find a replacement for the Sponsorship Chair. The board suggested that when considering sponsors for the Jewelry + Objects 2011 Exhibition we should look in the Midland Area in addition to SE Michigan.

Action Items: review sponsorship materials and mail them.

NEWSLETTER

Jennifer was absent, no report was submitted.

WEBSITE/ PUBLICITY

Juanita was absent, Christine reported Facebook still seems to be a popular form for getting word out about our events. Member of the week was great, but need more members to continue in that format or need to revise the idea, either way member of the week will continue after the All Membership Meeting.

Rob Thompson has volunteered to create an online exhibition program to try out with one of our upcoming shows.

HISTORIAN:

Skip reported that all board members and the membership alike should bring relevant documents to the All Membership Meeting. Once he has received them he will file them with Bentley Library.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ANN ARBOR ART FAIR (semi final report):

Mary reported that the weather was bad, sales were down, and a few of the participating artists were unhappy with the results of group participation. After much discussion, the board deferred future art fair policies back to the committee.

Art Fair financials are:

Income:

Application (10@ \$35):	\$350	
Artist fees (9@ \$200):	\$1,800	Total Income: \$2,150

Expenses:

Booth Fee Plus Electricity:	\$530	
Display Equipment:	\$813.52	
Printing and Postage:	\$453.76	Total Reported Expenses to Date: \$1797.25

Additional Expenses at this time: \$140 for Abstracta case replacement parts.

Summerized final budget will be included in the next meeting minutes.

Action Items: summarized final budget, purchase abstracta replacements.

JEWELRY + OBJECTS SHOW:

Steve was absent, Christine reported in his behalf. Midland Center for the Arts has been confirmed. The contract was reviewed and accepted by Exhibition Committee. As mentioned in Erica's report Marilyn DaSilva will be this year's juror, the initial juring will be handled electronically. Call for entry forms are being finalized at the next committee meeting and will be printed and made available for the September All Membership Meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 15th, 2010 at 12pm at the home of Steve Tracy.

Action Items: Finalize call for entry and distribute it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gifts of Art Exhibition Planning: Christine announced that our application for an exhibition with the U of M Hospitals Gifts of Art Program has been selected. The exhibition period will be Mid February through Mid April 2011. The theme for the exhibition will be the best of current college student work across the State of Michigan and Northern Ohio/Indiana. Select schools will be invited to self select x many pieces to have on display. Next step will be to receive the contract and present this information to the exhibition committee.

Ann Arbor Art Center (AAAC) Exhibition Planning: Christine announced that our application for an "All Membership" Salon Exhibition has been accepted for the 2011 exhibition year. The premise of this show will be to invite current members to select one piece to have on display. Although the entry to participate will not be juried, MSG and AAAC will retain the right to refuse participation of pieces that are not exhibition quality. There will be juried awards, additional details and dates will be decided by the exhibition committee. Next step will be to receive the contract and present this information to the exhibition committee.

Art Walk: Christine reported that she did follow up with the Ann Arbor Art Walk committee and they are still thinking about collaborative participation.

Action Items: Christine to take new business to the next exhibition committee, present proposals, form committees.

NEXT MEETING:

Sunday, October 3rd, location TBA

Meeting called to close at 2:50pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Christine Bossler