



Michigan Silversmiths Guild

Executive Board Meeting
Sunday, January 30, 2011

OFFICERS

Christine Bossler
President

Ericia Bartels
Vice President

Richard Locke
Treasurer

Jennifer Thomson
Secretary

DIRECTORS

Alan Ardizzone
Danielle Blanchard
Mary Kernahan
Tiffany Massey
Dan Neville
Steve Tracy

IN ATTENDANCE: Christine, Jennifer, Mary, Ericia, Richard, Alan, Steve, Danielle.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm at the home of Richard Locke.

Christine had 1 correction for the Oct. 2010 minutes: on page 2 under Membership & Sponsorship, it should read "we have 57 current members." Minutes were accepted as amended.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Christine reported

501(c)3 update: Christine reported that the paperwork is almost completed - she and Richard need to get together to reconstruct the last 5 years of financial reports. This should be completed by the next Board meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ericia reported

Ericia passed out a written report.

Tour of G & S Metals and Holiday Party: 29 people had registered for the tour, 27 showed up. G&S did a great job. Ericia circulated a thank you note to send them. The party was a great success. We met our \$300 budget. It is good to have the tour/party combination. Next year we might do it at Armstrong Tools.

Pearl Stringing workshop: This was well attended. We lost about \$125 which the Board all agreed was well worth it. We got some new members who attended the workshop.

Renee Zettle-Sterling workshop: This will be in March, probably the 12th or 13th. Ericia passed around a description of the workshop on "Mold Making/Alternative Casting". This will be a 1 day workshop, place not yet determined. Ericia will firm up the details and send out a flyer soon.

Da Silva Workshop: Ericia is waiting for the confirmed date of the J+O

Show opening reception. This 2 day workshop will be held at CCS. The details will be worked out shortly.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Richard reported

Beginning balance (December 1, 2010): \$8,406.24

Ending balance (Dec, 31, 2010) \$8,641.24

Richard asked the Board if he should look into the possibility of the Guild accepting credit card payments. We discussed this and it was decided that Richard will explore this with our bank - Citizens Bank. Anyone with ideas on the subject should forward them to Richard. A motion was made, seconded by Alan. Approved.

The report was accepted as presented.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership & Sponsorship: Christine reported

We have 71 current members, including 3 new lifetime members. Christine will be passing on the membership responsibilities to our new Membership Chair, Danielle.

Sponsorship: Christine will continue to be in charge of sponsors. We have 4 corporate sponsors this year. Letters will go out soon soliciting donations for the J+O Show.

Newsletter: Jennifer reported

Newsletters have been going well. She will send out a reminder to submit articles in mid-February for the March newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ann Arbor Art Fair: Mary reported

The call for entry forms will be mailed out tonight. She has been working on someone to take over for her after her 2 years as Chair are over - Danielle is a possibility! Mary said she has been getting interest from new people. She is working on changing some of the policies for the demonstrators this year.

J + O Show: Steve reported

Steve has received one submission so far. He asked about when the high school entries are to be judged. Christine said the committee could do it at a committee meeting. Steve called for a committee meeting on March 6 at 1 PM at his house and will send out an email reminder to the committee. He mentioned that the opening reception will be August 11 or 14th and will try to confirm with the Midland Center.

Gifts of Art: Christine reported that the participating schools are very excited about the exhibition. The schools are: Eastern Michigan, Bowling Green and CCS. The work is being dropped off to Jennifer today and she and Christine will deliver it to the UM Hospital on Thurs, Feb. 3. Christine was pleased that Tom Madden from CCS has offered to host a student show in the future!

Ann Arbor Art Center Exhibit: Christine expressed frustration that the Art Center has not returned her calls/emails. The staff is constantly changing which makes it hard. The original plan was to hold the all member show late fall 2011. After some discussion, the Board decided that it would be better to alternate this show with the J+O Show. That way we will have a show every year, we will keep our relationship with the Ann Arbor Art Center and we won't be spreading ourselves too thin.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Request to donate a life time membership:** Christine asked the Board if she could offer a lifetime membership to an anonymous member who has been extremely supportive of our organization and particularly of the J+O Show in the past. A motion was made to do this, seconded, passed.
2. **Letter from Julie Sanford:** A letter received from Julie Sanford(located on the west side of the state) was read. She is requesting that MSG make more efforts to include the western side of the state in its programs. Ericia suggested that in the future we could offer a 1 day workshop in the Detroit/Ann Arbor area and then send the workshop over to the west side for another 1 day workshop the following day. The Board suggested that Christine ask Julie to submit a proposal of an event, which would be considered by the Board. And perhaps at the next all member meeting, she could be nominated to be a Board member.
3. **BBAC, Northville Art House:** Mary reported that both the BBAC and the Northville Art House are hoping to have more connections to the Guild. Mary offered to be the liaison between the Board and these organizations. Ericia will contact Robin Servo of BBAC about possibly holding the March workshop in their space.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 1st, 2011 at 12 noon at Jennifer's house.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Thomson, Recording Secretary