



## Michigan Silversmiths Guild

### Executive Board Meeting Sunday, October 17, 2010

#### OFFICERS

Christine Bossler  
*President*

Ericia Bartels  
*Vice President*

Richard Locke  
*Treasurer*

Jennifer Thomson  
*Secretary*

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

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:** Christine reported

**Committee Appointments** : Christine welcomed new Board members. She suggested that Danielle might take over the membership Chair responsibilities, Dan will join the Exhibitions Committee and Alan will work on the web site.

#### DIRECTORS

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

**2011 - 2012 projections and Budget:** Christine presented the proposed budget for the year 2010 - 2011. We went over the figures line by line and accepted the budget with a few minor corrections. Christine will make the changes. Danielle suggested that we make a column for comparison to prior years as we move forward with the budget. The Board agreed that this would be helpful.

**501(c)3 update:** Christine will try to get the paper work done before the next Board meeting.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Ericia reported

Ericia passed out a written report.

**Workshops:** The flyer for the November **pearl stringing workshop** with Nikki Dechent has been mailed and she has received 4 paid reservations to this point. She asked when airline plans should be finalized and the Board okayed for her to go ahead and book the flights for Nikki. The workshop will take place at EMU and she will need a check for \$100 for Gretchen Otto for use of the space.

Holiday Party and Tour of G & S Metals: In January there will be a **tour of our sponsor G&S Metals** followed by our annual holiday party. The

tour will be early afternoon on a Friday and will be followed by light snacks provided by G&S. Erica asked for volunteers to host the holiday party - hopefully to be held in Ann Arbor. Jennifer offered the use of her house. Erica will get back to her to confirm the date.

**Renee Zettle-Sterling** will do a workshop in March. Erica will also do a low cost workshop on resin during the month of March.

**Paul Mergen** will do a simple tool making workshop in either February or April.

**Marilyn and Jack DaSilva** are doing the workshop in connection with the J&O Show. Erica needs the date of the Show opening so she can let them know the dates for their 2-day workshop. The workshop will be limited to 20 students, split in half: one day will be forming with Jack and the next day will be color pencil on copper with Marilyn. The workshop will be held at CCS.

Erica is working on a workshop to be held in conjunction with next year's annual meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Richard reported

Beginning balance (September 2010): \$8,451.18

Ending balance: \$8,189.84

The report was accepted as presented.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership & Sponsorship:** Christine reported

We have 95 current members. She is keeping track of members electing for digital only correspondence and has noticed that this is steadily increasing.

Christine sent out applications for sponsorship for this year. She is pleased to report that Armstrong Tool & Supply has come back after a several year absence. She has received 3 positive responses and expects to receive at least one more. She is actively looking for new companies to become sponsors.

**Newsletter:** Jennifer reported

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

**Web Master/Publicity:** no report. Alan will start learning how to take over this responsibility from Christine.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Ann Arbor Art Fair:** Mary reported

She presented her final report and was pleased that we finished with a positive cash balance. She is looking toward next year - the booth fees have been paid, and will be paid in a lump sum in future years to avoid confusion with the South Univ. Art Fair staff. The booth fee is \$450 plus \$80 for electricity. Mary is going to have the inventory done on the computer this year to streamline the inventory/sales job.

**Exhibition committee:**

**J&O Show:** The call for entry has been published and sent to our entire membership database. It is also posted on our web page, facebook page, crafthaus, orkin forum, snaget, etc. Packet will be mailed to schools as soon as we finalize the Gifts of Art details. The packet will contain details about the J&O Show and the Gifts of Art.

**Gifts of Art:** We are waiting for permission to have our own publicity relating to the Show. Christine expects to receive this very soon. We have the contract. We will invite colleges to participate by selecting the "best of their best". Number of pieces will depend on the response we get. The exhibition dates are Feb. 14 - April 11, 2011. We are hoping to have an on-line version of the Show for our web page, which is what needs the publicity clearance.

**Ann Arbor Art Center Exhibit:** We have verbal approval and are waiting on a contract. This will be an all-member show in which each member is entitled to submit 1 piece. The exhibit is planned for next fall (2011).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SWAG:** We are running out of MSG t-shirts. Christine has contacted the person who printed them in the past and will put together a proposal and request an email vote for approval. Ericia knows someone who might be able to get us a higher quality apron - will look in to prices

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 30, 2011 at 12 noon at Richard's house.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:52 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Thomson, Recording Secretary