



Michigan Silversmiths Guild

Executive Board Meeting
Sunday, September 11, 2011

OFFICERS

Christine Bossler
President

Ericia Bartels
Vice President

Richard Locke
Treasurer

Jennifer Thomson
Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE: Christine, Jennifer, Dan, Danielle, Mary, Ericia, Alan

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm at the home of Jennifer Thomson.

Last month's minutes were accepted as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Christine reported

501(c)3 application update: Since the current Treasurer is about to step down, Christine said she would go over the financial records with the newly elected Treasurer after the Annual Meeting. There are currently 4 years of detailed financial records. Christine and the new Treasurer will piece together the required 5th year and submit the paper work for the application.

DIRECTORS

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

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ericia reported

The Da Silva Workshop: This was a very hectic time between jurying the J&O show in Midland and putting on a 2-day workshop. Everything went well. MSG lost about \$1,150 - which is not too far off what was predicted. Ericia said she was very pleased with Fritz & Friends as a workshop location.

All Member Meeting: Renee Zettle-Sterling will provide the lecture for this event. Ericia is handling the food.

XMas Party: Nothing has been planned yet. Ericia will contact Armstrong Tool to see if they can recommend a business partner which would make a good tour for our group.

Dues Structure: A motion was made to recommend an increase in the dues structure at the Annual Meeting, to go into effect in 2012-2013. The increase would be from \$10 to \$15 for students and from \$5 to \$10 for an additional family member. The motion was seconded and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Richard was not present. Christine read his written report which was for the period July 9 - Aug. 31, 2011. The opening balance was \$10,655.48, ending balance \$11, 663.46.

Ericia mentioned that the IRS becomes alerted when accounts are over \$10,000 and suggested moving a portion of our money to a CD or other discreet investment.

A motion was made to direct the acting Treasurer to look into short term investments for \$4,000 of our funds, perhaps splitting the amount into 2 CDs of \$2,000 each., one for 6 months and one for 1 year. The motion was seconded and passed.

We are still missing the Treasurer's report from the prior meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Danielle reported

We have 142 current members which includes 76 active, 8 other family members, 43 students (including 16 free memberships from the J&O Show) and 10 lifetime.

The number of members requesting correspondence via PDF has been increasing. The number of "postal" members is now 40.

Danielle requested approval to purchase a PDF writer program (such as adobe acrobat). With her teacher ID, she can get it for approx. \$150. A motion was made, seconded and passed.

Newsletter: Jennifer reported

Jennifer noted that she has been mailing out approx. 92 newsletters instead of the 40 "postal" members noted above. Christine said she would look into it and update the "print mailing labels" portion of the web site.

Web Master/Publicity: Christine reported

The web site is up to date. The numbers of members in the member gallery is increasing and we have a number of facebook friends.

Nominations: Dan and Mary reported.

We need a minimum of 6 Board members to be elected at the annual meeting. Officer positions open are: President, VP, Treasurer and Secretary. Mary, Dan, Alan and Danielle will be filling the 2nd year of their 2 year term. Steve, Tiffany and Richard resigned. Christine, Ericia and Jennifer have been nominated for Officer positions.

Mary and Dan have been actively seeking nominations, but will need to fill the slate on the day of the election.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ann Arbor Art Fair: Mary presented her final report

Even though the weather conditions were brutal, the art fair booth was a huge success. There was over \$7,000 in total sales. The demonstrations were very popular and we have been asked by Maggie Ladd - head of the South Univ. fair to increase the demos next year - the more, the better! She will give us our same spot and we have already been invited to participate in the 2012 fair. A check for the booth fee of \$450 and \$85 for electricity has been requested from the Treasurer.

MSG actually made money this year: \$316.16. Mary requested that the Board approve rental of a storage space for the art fair equipment which is continuing to grow. Jennifer has already put the stuff in Inn Storage in Ann Arbor, where the monthly fee is \$69 for a 5x5x8 space. The Board approved reimbursing Jennifer for the 2 months paid and for her to pay the balance for the year (Aug - Aug).

Exhibition Committee:

J&O Show: The show is amazing and was very well received at the opening reception. The Midland Center for the Arts was a wonderful place for this show and the Director was very impressed with MSG. He recommended that the show travel to other museums. This will be considered for the next J&O Show which will be in 2013.

Salon d'Autumn: Invitations have been sent out to the membership. Christine requested volunteers to help receive art work on Oct. 2 and for set up on Oct. 10.

Oct. 2, 10am - 5pm Jennifer will be able to do this if no one else volunteers.

October 10 starting at 10am: Erica, Christine, Danielle, Jennifer (after 1pm)

The budget for this show will be decided after the Sept. 29th deadline.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Events Planning: we will start planning once the new Board is elected.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 pm

The next meeting will be Sunday, October 16 at 12pm at Christine's house.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Thomson, Recording Secretary