



Michigan Silversmiths Guild

Executive Board Meeting Sunday, May 3, 2009

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IN ATTENDANCE: Christine, Annette, Jennifer, Marilyn, Juanita, Cheryl, Bill, Kathy, Skip, Mary, Idelle, Steve.

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 pm at the home of Skip Hunter.

Last month's minutes were accepted as corrected. Correction is on p. 3 : Jewelry & Objects report - The Anonymous award should read: Award of \$300.

ART FAIR REPORT: Jennifer reported that there will be 7 artists at the fair this year. Acceptance packets have been mailed out and demo application forms have also been mailed. Christine will put the demo info on the web site. Also, Mary will pass out demo entry forms to high school teachers and the BBAC.

Jennifer proposed buying new cases if the Board wants to continue to participate in the show indefinitely. Discussion followed and the Board agreed that we should continue our presence at the Ann Arbor Art Fair. Jennifer has begun to research the abstracta line of cases and will send an email once she gets details and prices. A motion was made to purchase cases for this year's Ann Arbor Art Fair for approximately \$2,000 - pending email approval of the details of the purchase. Seconded, passed.

Jennifer suggested skipping the "Art Showcase" ad this year - didn't seem cost effective. Mary will be handling the publicity this year - The Observer and the Ann Arbor Chronicle were suggested as places to advertise.

A proposal was made to sell MSG t-shirts and aprons at the booth. Jennifer will inquire about this.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Annette passed out a written report. Marilyn noticed a discrepancy between her membership figures and the financial report. There seemed to be a gap between last month's report and this month's report. The report was tabled until the next

Board meeting.

JEWELRY & OBJECTS: Idelle passed out a status report and a calendar of events.

The committee is prepared to handle the drop off of work and the installation of the show on May 11 - 13.

Postcards are being printed, should be ready on Mon., May 4. Idelle will mail them out.

John Wittersheim will do the award jurying on Sat., May 16th. The committee will meet on Sunday to do the high school awards. Steve has been working on donations for awards - has had a good response with over the \$1000 we promised. Marilyn will print certificates for the awards to be presented at the opening reception.

Food for the opening will be handled by Skip and Christine. The Art Center provides the wine for the event.

Idelle inquired about selling MSG t-shirts and aprons at the Art Center during the show. Christine will check to see how many are left and order more. Starting in the fall membership renewals, there will be a box to check to order aprons and t-shirts.

The catalog is ready for printing thanks to a wonderful job by Christine and Juanita. 120 copies will be ordered.

Cheryl said there has not been much response to the traveling show to Domaci Gallery - this will hopefully change as artists drop off their work on May 11.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Christine contacted the DIA about the letter sent to Mr. Beal. He's been out of town and hasn't had a chance to look at the letter yet.

The Articles of Incorporation will be sent in to the State in Sept. after the new Board has been elected. Marilyn suggested that the "Parliamentary Assn" look over the Articles. Christine will look into this.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tiffany not here. Christine has talked with her recently about whether or not to hold the filigree workshop scheduled for May 15 & 16. Only 2 people have signed up so far. The cut off date is May 5, so she will make a decision in a few days. This will be the last workshop until Sept.

Mary reported on the response to her email inquiry regarding workshop ideas:

1. Most responses were positive.
2. Ideas included: anticlastic raising, synclastic, more classes for beginning students.
3. Shorter workshops would be preferred.
4. The negative comments were mostly about "political talk" during the workshop.
5. Robin Servo from BBAC would be happy to promote MSG membership and offered the studio as a place to hold workshops.
6. The "stations" idea of workshops was brought up again - each station could be to teach a basic technique and students would come away with several techniques learned. Maybe in September?

MEMBERSHIP: Marilyn reported. She was concerned about the statement in the minutes regarding confusion about her last meeting report. Christine explained that it was because life time memberships were not listed as a separate category. Marilyn explained how her report is set up and will make it more clear next time.

Marilyn asked if she should sent out a written copy of the bylaws to new members. Since they can go to the web site, the Board thought she should just add a line in the letter to new members indicating where to locate them on the web site. Christine will add this to the "About" page so it will be easier to find.

NEWSLETTER: Christine has tried to contact Shawn Forman who said she would take over the newsletter, but has had no luck. She will keep trying. She also mentioned that we might need to purchase a \$200 software program for the newsletter editor.

WEB SITE AND PUBLICITY: Juanita reported that there haven't been many new addition. She has added an employment section, given the sad state of the economy. She worked hard on the J&O catalog and will start on the Art Fair postcard soon.

HISTORIAN: Skip reported that he and Cheryl wrote the history section of the J&O catalog. He feels we need to update the material at the Bentley museum and also possibly the info at the Smithsonian.

NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS: Larry, Skip - will need to start working on the slate for Sept. elections.

NEW BUSINESS: Sept. annual meeting: Christine will ask Gretchen Otto if we can hold it a EMU again. We decided to keep the meeting there for at least another year - people seem to expect it to be there and it's a pretty central location. Sept 13 or 27 are the preferred dates. Ideas for a speaker are: Linus from AU Castings, Caroline Gore from Western and Tom Muir's assistant.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, August 9

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Thomson, Secretary