



Michigan Silversmiths Guild

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Annual All - Membership Meeting Sunday, September 13, 2009

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** by Christine Bossler at 1:29 PM. Board members present were: Christine, Tiffany, Jennifer, Juanita, Ericia, Cheryl, Bill, Kathy, Richard, Idelle, Steve.

2. Jennifer Thomson read the **minutes from the 2008** all-membership meeting. Motion to accept as recorded, seconded, passed.

3. **Report of Recording Secretary** read by Jennifer Thomson. A summary of the year's minutes was presented. Main topics included were: election of new officers, amended by laws were approved, Articles of Incorporation will be filed after this meeting, 501(c)3 status, workshops, holiday party, J&O Show and the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

4. **Treasurer's report** read by Christine Bossler in the absence of Annette Berenholz. Beginning balance: \$8,830.59. Ending balance of \$7,253.02. The fall newsletter will include a more detailed Treasurer's report.

5. **Dues Structure Recommendation** - Christine reported that the Board decided at the last Board meeting to recommend that the dues structure remain the same for this year. That is, \$25 for active membership, \$10 for students, \$35 for family membership and \$250 for a lifetime membership. A motion was made to accept this structure, seconded, passed.

6. **Reports of Standing Committees**

Membership: Ericia read a report prepared by Marilyn who was not able to attend. There were 26 new memberships, 57 new memberships for a total of 89 members for the year.

Benefits of membership were reviewed: access to web site, discounted workshops, ability to participate in exhibitions and the Ann Arbor Art Fair, receipt of quarterly newsletter.

Newsletter: Christine reported. She has done the newsletter since 2003 and needs someone to take over - feels that she needs to focus on responsibilities of the President.

Historian: Skip was not able to attend - it was reported that he has made progress in going through MSG archives and will continue to do this. He will collect anything related to MSG that should be included in the archives.

7. Unfinished Business - none

8. New Business - none

9. Election of Officers - Jennifer and Ercia handled the election for the nominating committee. Paper ballots were passed out to all members in attendance. The first part of the ballot listed those Board members who will serve the 2nd year of their 2 year term. These were: Skip Hunter, Bill and Kathy Fitzpatrick, Marilyn Southern, Ercia Bartels, Mary Kernahan.

The 2nd part of the ballot listed nominees for Officers and Directors. These were: Christine Bossler for President, none for VP, Richard Locke for Treasurer, Jennifer Thomson for Secretary, Juanita Bitonti and Steve Tracy for Directors. Nominations were taken from the floor. Ercia and Steve were nominated for VP. The Recording Secretary read the expected duties of this position and both accepted the nomination. In addition, Tiffany was nominated to serve as Director which she accepted. Ballots were filled out and tallied. The results were: Christine is Pres., Ercia is VP, Richard is Treas., Jennifer is Secretary. The Directors elected were Juanita, Steve and Tiffany.

10. Program Projections:

President's Report: Christine reported that her main goal for the coming year is to be sure that MSG has updated all state and federal records so that we can move forward and receive 501(c)3 status.

VP Projections: Tiffany reported that a new addition in the coming year will be beginner workshops for our members who are not proficient in some metal skills. She urged all present to fill out a questionnaire of areas of interest for upcoming workshops.

Ann Arbor Art Fair: Jennifer reported that we definitely have booth space for more artists to participate and emphasized that providing a demo is a great opportunity to get some art fair experience and be able to sell work.

Jewelry + Objects Show: Idelle stated that it is not too early to start thinking about our next bi-annual show which will take place in 2011. She thanked her committee members and others who helped with the show. One thing to keep in mind for the future is that the Art Center does not encourage serving alcohol at openings.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 PM

Minutes taken by Jennifer Thomson