



Michigan Silversmiths Guild

Executive Board Meeting
Sunday, February 1, 2009

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MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Christine, Skip, Mary, Cheryl, Idelle, Larry, Marilyn, Steve, Bill & Kathy, Jennifer

The meeting was called to order at 1:25 pm in the home of Jennifer Thomson.

Last month's minutes were accepted with the following corrections:

1. minutes should be signed by writer ("Respectfully submitted by...")
2. Under Treasurer's Report, add "Annette emailed her report and copies were distributed...."
3. Under Jewelry + Objects report, add "She provided an updated call for entry which was distributed."
4. Under Membership Report, add "Christine read Marilyn's report..."

It was requested that Christine make it easier for Board members to find the minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Bylaws: Christine reported that the bylaws will be signed by the end of the month. The Articles of Incorporation have been updated as per Oct. 26 meeting. The next step is to have them reviewed by a lawyer. Christine will try to get this done by the next meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Tiffany was absent. Christine talked to her on the phone and shared her report with the Board. The January workshop with David Huang went very well. Each participant received a 22 piece chasing tool set, lunch, etc. No final report yet on finances.

A March workshop is in the works. Tiffany has been working with Samantha Lee Weber from Univ. of Illinois to do a workshop on filigree. Not yet finalized.

Skip mentioned that SNAG has compiled a list of artists who do workshops. Christine said Tiffany is aware of it and she will email the list

to The Board. Idelle mentioned that there is also a web site called "Artists Who Teach" which should be checked out.

Mary distributed a draft of an email to be sent to the membership about using the talent of our members for future workshops and to solicit ideas for future workshops. The letter was approved and will be sent out shortly.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Annette was absent. Larry presented her report which had been emailed to Christine. For the year Jan - Dec 2008, total income was \$8,717, total expenses were \$11,331.92 for a net loss of \$2,614.92 for the year 2008.

For 2009, beginning balance was \$9,689.42, net increase during the month of Jan was \$889.48 for an ending balance of \$10,578.90.

Christine mentioned that she spoke with Annette and Annette indicated that she would like to step down at the end of her term in Sept. The Board and Nominating Committee should be thinking about a replacement candidate.

Christine said she would be more comfortable with a simplified monthly report consisting of beginning balance, total income, total expenses, ending balance.

The report was accepted.

MEMBERSHIP/SPONSORSHIP:

Marilyn passed out a nifty chart detailing the breakdown of MSG members. We got 4 new members during the month of January. It was agreed that after lifetime members are added to the chart, it is a wonderful format for the membership report.

Christine said Rob was working on updating the computer program to make Marilyn's job easier.

Marilyn requested that Tiffany check with her to be sure all workshop participants are up to date on membership dues.

NEWSLETTER:

Juanita was absent. Christine will contact her to see if she is OK.

HISTORIAN:

Skip reported that the Bentley Library elevator is now working. Unfortunately, a 48 hour notice is necessary to be able to access the archives. So far, Skip has been going through the boxes of stuff that's not in the archives and comparing the contents with the index of what is in the archives - to avoid duplication. He requested permission from the Board to discard any duplicate information, outdated bank documents, etc. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

Skip is also thinking ahead to writing the historical portion of the catalog for the Jewelry + Objects Show. He asked about a deadline. It was decided that the deadline should be April 1 for a draft and that Christine and Cheryl will assist. Idelle requested that there be photos to add to the interest.

ANN ARBOR ART FAIR:

Jennifer reported. A sample of the application was passed around for comments. The main changes were to use the 60th anniversary logo and make clear that the deadline is to be post-marked by March 21, not received by then.

Christine will send Jennifer a list of colleges to send packets of applications to.

We discussed ways to get more people involved this year. It was suggested that it should be emphasized that demonstrators are able to show and sell their work on the day of their demo. It was suggested that several pieces of demonstrators' work be in the cases for the whole show - labeled with the time and subject of the demo. A large poster board with pictures, dates and times of demos will also be in the booth.

Cheryl mentioned that the art fair and the travel portion of the Jewelry+Objects show overlap. We need to be sure that we are aware of that in planning displays, pedestals, etc. Jennifer will look into renting cases and will research display systems on line.

JEWELRY + OBJECTS SHOW:

Idelle reported. The prospectus is at the printer and will be sent out asap. She passed out a written report of things needed to be done before the show. The committee set up a meeting date to further discuss this. The jurying is scheduled for March 20 - Idelle, Christine, Bill and Kathy will attend. Idelle will update the acceptance and rejection letters and send them to the committee before their next meeting.

Since we are publishing a catalog this year, it should be brought to the attention of our sponsors that they can buy ad space in the catalog. We might also use this as incentive to get donations of food for the opening reception.

Cheryl is in charge of the travel show and will transport the show to Rogers City, help set up and be responsible for returning the pieces. No contract has been signed with the gallery - we are waiting to see how many artists are interested in participating. The real planning stage will start at the end of March when the jurying has been done and we have an idea of how many pieces will be traveling.

NEW BUSINESS: none

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, March 20 at the home of Larry Newhouse.

Meeting called to a close at 3:14 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Thomson, Board Secretary