



Michigan Silversmiths Guild

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Steve Tracy

Annual All - Membership Meeting
Sunday, September 14, 2008

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by Christine Bossler at 1:32 PM.
2. Jennifer Thomson read the minutes from the 2007 all-membership meeting. Motion to accept, 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, formation of by-laws committee, discussion of endowment proposal, continuation of workshops, updating of web site, Ann Arbor Art Fair participation, 1st annual holiday party, 60th anniversary preparations, and plans for the upcoming Jewelry+Objects Show.
4. Treasurer's report read by Christine Bossler in the absence of Annette Berenholz. Beginning balance: \$8,994.00. Total income: \$9,689.01, total expenses: \$9,759.36 for an ending balance of \$8,830.59. Motion to accept, seconded, passed.
5. Standing committee reports:
Membership: Marilyn Southern reported. She welcomed our newest member Natalie..... who is a grad student at Bowling Green. Marilyn urged members to support our corporate sponsors - Brighton Beads, G&S, and CR Hill - and to mention MSG when buying from them. She also thanked Tiffany for buying materials for the workshops from our sponsoring companies.
Newsletter: Christine reported. She is urgently looking for someone to take over the newsletter - feels that she needs to focus on responsibilities of the President.

Webmaster: Juanita reported. Since 2006 the number of unique users of our web site has increased from 6,000 to 13,000 and in the last year we had about 82,000 total hits.

She urged members to take advantage of this great resource by posting pictures and contact information in the member's gallery. She added that she is always looking for more information to post on the site.

Historian: Skip Hunter reported. MSG has materials on file at the Bentley museum but he has been unable to access them because of a malfunctioning elevator in the building. He will continue to work on this and requests that any member with photos, workshop flyers, anything related to MSG should give them to him to archive.

6. Unfinished Business

Bylaws Committee: Skip Hunter presented the updated bylaws to the membership and asked for any discussion. Motion to accept the by law revision, seconded, passed. A big thank you to the by law committee.

60th Anniversary: There have been many ideas discussed throughout the year. The Board has decided to embrace what the Guild does and commemorate the anniversary by making each annual event a bit grander. Juanita has designed a 60th anniversary logo which will be used throughout the year and is pictured on t-shirts and aprons for sale. Events included are: holiday party, Jewelry+Objects Show which will possibly be traveling to a gallery in Rogers City , MI and will have a catalog published with a history of the Guild and pictures of the show pieces.

7. New Business

Tom Muir congratulated the Board on the direction of MSG, the web site, etc..

Marilyn suggested that we draw on our talented membership more for workshops, lectures, etc.

8. Election of Officers

Skip handled the election for the nominating committee. Paper ballots were distributed. The first part of the ballot listed those Board members who will serve the 2nd year of their 2 year term. These were: Christine Bossler, Tiffany Massey, Jennifer Thomson, Annette Berenholz, Juanita Bitonti, Cheryl Brooks, Richard Locke, Larry Newhouse, Steven Tracy and Idelle Hammond-Sass.

The 2nd part of the ballot listed nominees for Director. Tiffany nominated Ercia Bartels and Mary Kernahan to be added to this list. She had their written acceptance of the nomination. All members present were then asked to vote for as many Directors as they wish. Those receiving a majority of the votes cast would be elected. All nominees were elected: Skip Hunter, Bill and Kathy Fitzpatrick, Marilyn Southern, Ercia Bartels and mary kernahan.

9. Projections

President's Projections:

Christine provided an overview of her plans for the next year:

- to continue the initiatives from last year, i.e. trying to make the Board more efficient and ensuring that all interests of the membership are being served.
- now that by laws have been revised, we will work on the Articles of Incorporation to be filed with the State and paperwork for 501(c)3 status.
- once these are in place, we will start building funds for the endowment, etc.

VP Projections:

Tiffany reported that she was pleased with how the all-inclusive workshops went over the past year. She accomplished her goal of all participants learning the technique being taught and going home with a finished piece.

Upcoming workshops are: Tom Muir in October and David Huang

Holiday Party: The date is set for Saturday, Dec. 6 7-11 PM and will be held at the Fellows Creek Condo clubhouse in Canton. Flyers were distributed and is posted on the web site.

Ann Arbor Art Fair Projections:

The call for entry will be mailed out later this fall

Jewelry + Objects show:

Bill reported in Idelle's absence. The dates have been confirmed at the Ann Arbor Art Center for May 15 - June 21, with the artist reception to be held May 19, 2009. The prospectus will be sent out in January. This year all entries must be in digital format. A catalog will be printed including the history of MSG , etc. Christine called for a committee to help write this. Skip will help in his role as historian. Anyone else interested should contact Christine.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 PM

Next meeting; Sun., Oct. 26 at 1PM at Cheryl's house.

Minutes taken by Jennifer Thomson

