



## Michigan Silversmiths Guild

Executive Board Meeting  
Sunday, January 24, 2010

### OFFICERS

Christine Bossler  
*President*

Ericia Bartels  
*Vice President*

Richard Locke  
*Treasurer*

Jennifer Thomson  
*Secretary*

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Christine, Jennifer, Bill, Kathy, Mary, Steve, Ericia, Richard

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm at the home of Jennifer Thomson.

Last month's minutes were accepted as submitted.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Christine reported

**Articles of Incorporation:** The articles have been filed with the State and we are awaiting approval. This is expected in about a month. Christine started to fill out the on-line EIN form, but we need to wait for the notification from the State about the Articles of Incorporation. Then the final 501(c)3 paperwork can be submitted.

### DIRECTORS

Juanita Bitonti  
Bill Fitzpatrick  
Kathy Fitzpatrick  
Skip Hunter  
Mary Kernahan  
Tiffany Massey  
Steve Tracy

Christine received an email from Idelle Hammond-Sass about the Ann Arbor Gallery Walk - asking if we would like to participate in it. The Board asked Christine to follow up on this with details about when, where, what it would entail, etc.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Ericia reported

Ericia passed out a written report summarizing the holiday party, the AU Enterprises workshop and her progress on scheduling upcoming workshops.

**Holiday Party:** The party cost \$289.86. There was a 10% turnout, but those attending had a lot of fun. It was great food and company and the cake was awesome! Next year we might ask for people to RSVP.

**AU Enterprises workshop:** It was a great success. Linus gave a tour of the facility and explained all of the different things they do. We made \$230 from the workshop since Linus generously donated the fees to MSG. Ericia will write thank yous to both Linus and AU Enterprises.

**Upcoming workshops:** Ericia is working on a 2-day workshop on colors for metalsmiths for March, a 2-day workshop on textures for June

and a 2 or 3 day intensive hydraulic press workshop for October. Erica will finalize these and have postcard made up for distribution.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Richard reported

Beginning balance: \$8,035.84.

Ending balance: \$7,969.83.

The report was accepted as presented.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership:** Christine reported

We have 85 current members, 67 of which have opted for paper correspondence, the other 18 have opted for all digital communications.

Richard suggested contacting groups such as the Huron Valley Lapidary Society about upcoming workshops and events. And perhaps to do a demo at the art fair.

**Newsletter:** Jennifer reported

The December newsletter was mailed out. A reminder about sending info to Jennifer for the next newsletter (March) will be emailed to the membership shortly. Jennifer was concerned about being over-budget already. The Board said not to worry since this is our first year with a real budget - we are learning as we go. Next year's budget will be a lot more accurate.

**Web Master/Publicity:** Christine reported in Juanita's absence

The facebook page is up and running. It is another way to get our information out to the public.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Ann Arbor Art Fair:** Mary reported

Mary and Jennifer had a meeting in December - Jennifer passed along the chairperson information to Mary. She is working on this year's call for entry and hopes to get it out in the next week or so. She will work on strengthening the language about responsibilities expected of demonstrators. Last year there seemed to be some misunderstanding about what was expected of them.

Mary has received a list of used abstracta items from our art fair neighbor - she will compare it to prices for new items and decide which items we would like to buy from him.

**Jewelry & Objects Show:** Steve reported

Steve contacted 4 facilities about hosting the 2011 J&O Show: Forest Hills, Grand Rapids Museum, DIA and the Midland Center for the Arts. DIA is not interested. He has made progress with the Midland Center. The Director, Bruce Winslow, has suggested 2 possible dates: April 30 - July 17 or October 8 - December 23, 2011. Steve will continue to pursue this possibility with the enthusiasm of the Board behind him!! He will work on getting a written contract including what we are responsible for, etc. It was suggested that the December date would be preferable if we have a choice.

Steve has not yet formed a committee but asked Erica to work on selecting a jury. Erica said she would.

Steve asked if we want to continue to have high school students participate in the show. The Board was in favor of continuing this and suggested contacting Cheryl Brooks about which high schools should be included.

Christine brought up the idea of continuing our relationship with the Ann Arbor Art Center, perhaps with a show on the off-years of the J&O show. This could be a different format - a salon style or a trunk show. There seems to be a big demand from the membership for ways to exhibit their work. Other ideas presented were: a show at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, or a digital show on our web site. Details would have to be worked out.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mary mentioned that the wife of the CR Hill owner has passed away and suggested that we send a sympathy card from the Board. Jennifer will take care of this.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 12 noon at Richard's house.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Thomson, Recording Secretary