



# Michigan Silversmiths Guild

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**Executive Board Meeting  
Sunday, October 26, 2008**

## MINUTES

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Christine,, Skip, Cheryl, Marilyn, Bill & Kathy Fitzpatrick, Steve, Mary, Jennifer

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM at Cheryl's house.

Christine welcomed Mary Kernahan and introduced her to the Board.

The minutes from Aug. 23rd meeting were approved as corrected.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

All Membership Meeting Report: 2 new Board members were elected. \$146.00 was collected in apron and t-shirt sales.

By-Laws: The by-laws were voted on and approved at the annual meeting. Christine made a corrected copy and will have all committee members sign it and will send it to the State of Michigan to be on file. A copy is also posted on our web site.

Articles of Incorporation: This is a document which is to be filed with the State and the IRS. We pay \$20 each year to the State to keep it on file. It should be updated each year with names of new Board members. Christine has gone through the document and made some necessary changes. We went through it article by article to get Board feedback. The Board agreed with all of Christine's recommendations. Skip recommended that Christine have a lawyer look over the document, in particular Article IV - dealing with property.

One sentence deleted was that MSG was "sponsored by the Detroit Institute of Arts" (DIA). Christine will send a note to the Director of the DIA, notifying him/her that our Articles of Incorporation have expired We are in the

process of updating and are wondering if there is any interest in continuing the relationship.

The Board thanked Christine for updating the document. She will make the revisions and present it at the next Board meeting for final approval. And she will try to make contact with a lawyer to look over the entire document.

The President's report was accepted.

#### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Tiffany is at the Tom Muir workshop so could not attend the meeting. Christine reported in her behalf.

Mary Kernahan, new Board member, will be assisting Tiffany in organizing and setting up the workshops this year.

Tom Muir workshop: 7 members signed up.

David Huang workshop: verified for Jan. 24 - 25. It will be on chasing and repousse. The location is not yet confirmed. The flyer is expected to be mailed out this week.

Workshop Questionnaire: there is a questionnaire on the web site. Tiffany will report on the results at the next Board meeting.

Upcoming workshops: Deb Stoner is still an interest - nothing confirmed. Victoria Lansford was contacted about doing a workshop on filigree, but she charges \$800 per day, which is more that we are willing to pay.

Skip reminded us of our desire to use our own members - and suggested Melinda Hodge. He was very impressed with her work. There was much discussion about all sorts of workshops. Marilyn reiterated her interest in a photo workshop. Cheryl suggested targeting more beginner members, possibly with a one day workshop. Another idea was a day of demos provided by MSG members.

Christine will look into adding a part onto the website questionnaire to solicit comments instead of just checking boxes. Mary will also draft an email to send to members about possible workshop topics.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Annette was absent. A written report for the months of Aug. and Sept. were distributed.

The August report was accepted as corrected. The date of the report was changed to August 29th, 2008. Under income, Hammer Purchase was changed to Hammers Sold

and under Expenses, State of Mich. Renewal - Articles of Incorporation was added for clarification.

The Sept. report was accepted as corrected. The subtraction/addition was incorrect and changed to an Ending Balance of \$10,531.39.

Christine expressed concern about how many errors have been in the treasurer's reports all year. After discussion, it was decided that Christine will contact both Annette and Larry to see if Larry can provide more training.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

MEMBERSHIP: Marilyn reported and provided a written report.

Her request to change the wording of the message sent to new members was approved.

Discussion about business sponsorship - Marilyn suggested that we allow businesses to purchase individual ads in the newsletter instead of becoming a sponsor for the entire year. The year's sponsorship would still be \$150 which includes listing in every newsletter and a 1/4 page ad in every newsletter. But, a business could opt to become a sponsor (and be listed in every newsletter) for \$40. If they choose to place an ad in the newsletter, they can do so for \$35 per 1/4 page. Marilyn is hoping to increase the number of business sponsors with this breakdown of expenses. This was approved.

Business certificate: Marilyn requested to alter the 60th anniversary logo designed by Juanita to place on her business certificate. The Board denied this request since Juanita designed the logo and it was already accepted as is.

The membership report was accepted.

NEWSLETTERr: Christine is pleading for someone to take over this time consuming task.

WEBMASTER/ PUBLICITY: no report

HISTORIAN: We are hoping to include a brief history of the guild in the jewelry+Objects show catalog. Skip will need a committee to assist him in the writing of this article.

ELECTIONS/NOMINATING COMMITTEE: no report

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

ANN ARBOR ART FAIR: Jennifer is willing to co- chair again this year and suggested that there be 3 instead of 2 chairpeople. Christine has sent in the \$100 to Maggie Ladd. the new vitrines have been ordered and should be ready very soon.

JEWELRY + OBJECT SHOW: Idelle was not here. An updated call for entry was distributed for review. A motion was made to send the call for entry back to the committee to be finalized. Passed.

A motion was made to raise the entry fee to \$35 - passed.

Travel show: Cheryl has been in contact with the gallery in Rogers City where our exhibit will travel. They are concerned that not all the pieces are for sale. They have a limited season, limited space and they need to make money. They will provide 23 feet of wall space, 6 feet out. We will take our own cases. All work sent to the show must be for sale, no student work. It was decided that the committee will select which pieces are to be in the travel show. This could be called the "Jewelry + Objects Select" show. All of this needs to be fully explained in the call for entry.

A motion was made to direct the Jewelry + Objects Show committee meet by November 15 to have a prospectus ready for Board approval. The draft will be sent out to the Board via email. The committee members present set a tentative date of Nov. 6 pending Idelle's approval.

HOLIDAY PARTY: Cheryl reported. No one has responded as yet. Should we set a minimum to go ahead with the party? It was decided that the party will happen regardless of how many people respond. Christine will send out a flyer by email and another flyer will be mailed with the upcoming workshop flyer.

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday , Dec. 6, 4-6 PM (before holiday party)

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.