

**GLPG Board Meeting
August 22, 2019 1:00p**

Present: Charlie Seebeck, Barb Hyman, Sophie Wang, Joan Witter, Lynn Sawicki, Anne Szilagyi, Tim Candy, Liz Meyers
Absent: Sara Laitala

Review of previous minutes. Charlie moved to approve minutes. Anne second, minutes approved.

A request was made by the Lansing symphony for the Guild to again supply a basket of pots for their fundraising raffle on November 14. The Board agreed to support the Symphony again. A notice will be sent to Members to think about a donation. The donation will be collected after the 50th Anniversary party. We would like small items that can be gathered together in a basket of pots. The date that this basket is needed will be posted when we learn of the date.

Electric kiln expansion discussion: Anne stated that people involved with the electric kiln committee want to have another successful electric glaze firing before further pursuing an expansion of the electric kilns, namely through requesting purchase of an additional kiln. According to Anne, for bisque, the electric is about 3x more expensive than operating the catenary. Other factors to consider, she said, are the difficulty in loading the catenary and securing people to fire it. Further discussion will wait until the electric committee has more results of glaze firing to share.

Board agreed that members, VPs and students need to be more aware about considering AC costs and electrical costs in general by:

- not leaving clay room doors open when AC on
- using heat lamps when necessary NOT when there is sun outside to do the job

Being considerate of others by:

- not using table under heat lamps when someone is using spray booth
- cleaning table under heat lamps of clay from bats after using the heat lamps

It was noted that the heat lamps are especially helpful during bouts of cool, wet weather as we had this past spring. Tim Candy was thanked for installing them. Tim will add signage to the heat lamp set up regarding proper use. Anne will provide some written notice to the lab assistants so they may inform students of studio practices that are more mindful of energy use.

Members are encouraged to review the materials on the web site, "members only" page for updated forms for reimbursement and other information.

Expenses: Barb Hyman stated that Bill Guerin is pursuing a lower rate with the gas company for the Guild's usage. A copy of the budget will be forwarded to the members of the Board who suggested that they did not have same. Hyman suggested we need to understand the workings of the budget as presented by Madhu Anderson. To do this she

will be meeting with Madhu later in September as well as with members of the Budget committee to understand the seeming anomalies in the budget as presented. Further, she will meet with Geoff as Clay chair and Pamela as Supplies chair to understand the large jump in expenses in their committees workings so that we might anticipate what to expect in the future. Hyman will report on this to the Board. She will arrange a meeting of the Board that will be held at a time when Madhu can attend after October 12th., so that she can go over the items and explain them to us.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30p.

Next meeting scheduled September 26, 9:30 am