

Greater Lansing Potters Guild
August 10, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Present: M. Anderson, D. Cole, G. Gamble, B. Guerin, S. Kirillova, W. Pan, L. Sawicki, C. Seebeck, M. Steinkamp

1. June 12 meeting minutes approved.

2. Officer Reports

a President:

- Lansing Arts Council event at University Club 7/25/2017: attended by Bill Guerin, Barb Hranilovich, and Tina Oxer. Attendees reported that this was a constructive conference geared towards helping small creative operations such as the guild learn how to engage new audiences. Suggestions were to create events where we can better engage our public in our processes (ie. Kiln opening events, pre-sale events for special/loyal customers, etc.). The suggestion was made and moved by C. Seebeck and seconded by M. Steinkamp that we reimburse the attendees for the \$70 registration fee.
- Chairs available: Debi Fast has offered the guild 3 office chairs which the board agreed to accept. We will see how they work in the clean room.
- Use of Guild facilities by non-members: The board discussed the existing policy and the pros and cons of changing or loosening it. No decisions were made at this point though B. Guerin will draft something for the board to look at, at a future meeting.

b Vice President:

- Empty Bowl participation by students: The Community Activity Group invited students to participate in the Bowlathon for Empty Bowls this year. It was held on a Friday due to the last minute nature of the invite. The bowls made by students who will not be here for Fall classes and hence not able to finish their bowls, will be completed by M. Steinkamp or other volunteers as necessary.

- c Secretary: No report
- d Treasurer:
 - M. Anderson is working on the transition of duties being taken over from T. Rozeboom.
 - The CD which matured was reinvested and the earnings went into the Capital Account.
- e Guild Director:
 - Disappearing clay mystery: Apparently there were a number of people who came and took 3 or 4 bags each which depleted the supply.

3. Committee Reports

- a Electric Glaze Committee:
 - Currently working on establishing which clay and glazes vitrify at cone 6.
- b High Fire Glaze Committee:
 - Currently working on testing some new colored slips for general use and making new test tiles for all the colored slips plus some other miscellaneous glaze testing.
- c Library/Collections/History Committee:
 - Records format and storage: Looking into ways to digitize old records and determining a place to store them other than a member's home.
- d Publicity Committee:
 - Bought an ad in the Fall issue of Capital Area Women's Lifestyle Magazine. It will be published in October, just prior to our sale. The magazine is free and widely available at newsstands, etc.

4. Next meeting scheduled for September 13.

5. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM