

GLPG Board Meeting, April 28, 2020

Meeting convened at 10:40 am. via conference call

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

Called to order at 10:52am. Sara moved to accept minutes from previous meeting, seconded by Anne. Minutes were accepted.

Discussion regarding opening of the Guild studio: Consensus of the board is that it is premature to open. We will wait for guidance from the State and to see what the trend is in our area. It is also considered premature to develop an outline of what would be prudent practice in opening because it should be informed by future guidelines and events. Barb Hyman is also consulting with Wendi Tilden and Judith Fleishman regarding this process.

The Guild will continue to operate in the manner it has since State mandated lock down.

Question was raised regarding making slabs at the studio for home use. Guidelines were discussed. Barb Hyman drafted a memo for members regarding this to be distributed to members including the following:

Always wear gloves and a mask, Clean up and disinfect thoroughly after yourself, including all surfaces & floor, the canvas & roller, any bowls & sponges. All must be disinfected. A bleach solution should be mixed for this purpose with materials on the yellow table at the studio. Potters are to use their own materials for transporting the slabs.

Proposed that members /2nd year VPs could check out a Brent wheel to use at home, until we are able to reopen the studio. Brent is easiest to transport. Liz moved to do so, Lyn second. Passed unanimously. Charlie will be contact person for this.

Discussion regarding clay: It was decided that we should use up the clay we already have prior to taking any delivery of fresh boxes. We need to take an inventory of types and amounts of various clays. Barb will check with Geoff regarding amount of clay we have. Potters must still note boxes used on their clay tally. There was concern expressed regarding the condition of clay waiting for recycling. Sara suggested adding some bleach to the old clay to prevent it from growing bacteria.

For the time being, no clay is to be brought to the guild from home to add to the recycle buckets. Each potter must recycle their own at home.

Anne will develop a helpful list of ways people can recycle their clay at home.

Status of classes: Lyn moved to cancel next round of classes due to risk of Covid19. Passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting:

Joan made a motion to postpone the annual meeting, possibly till August and in a larger venue, due to risk of Covid19. Anne seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

As it stands currently, there are two outstanding issues that will require a member vote - the replacement of Board Members and the status of our two exiting VPs(Paul and Tim). Discussion indicated a desire to hold a vote regarding possible membership for the VPs that adheres as closely to the normal timeline as would be practical. Lyn suggested that the Guild have a Special Meeting in May to present the membership question regarding Tim and Paul to the Membership. Other issues would be tabled until August. Methods to hold such a vote were explored including a possible conference call or a zoom meeting. The Board opted for a vote by mail with an anonymous form and anonymous return envelope. Ted Rozeboom, membership chair, and Barb Hyman would determine the timeline for the ballot.

Liz made a motion to suspend the in-person meeting requirements under Guild by-laws in order to hold a Special Meeting for the purpose of considering Paul and Tim for Guild membership and to hold a vote by mail. Although the motion would suspend the bylaws for purposes of holding an in-person meeting due to the risk of Covid19, the vote would still require 2/3 positive response of the entire membership. Charlie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Joan moved that the Guild suspend the by-laws with respect to the May Annual meeting and move to further table any other voting issues till the end of August including, but not limited to, the election of the new board and committee reports. This motion would suspend the bylaws for this purposes of holding an in-person meeting due to the risk of Covid19. Charlie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Notice of payment of dues and billing for clay purchases will be included in this mailing. The Guild will now be lacking income from two rounds of classes and the spring sale. Members are encouraged to pay dues in total or partially, as well as any outstanding clay purchases by May 21st. If this is a hardship, please let Barb know.

Other Issues:

Report on the roof: company will proceed once it obtains the permit from Bath Township.

Update information on the Web site and Facebook: It was agreed to maintain a memorial notice for a deceased member/teacher for 1 year. It should be accessible to the public.

Per Tim Candy: Ted Smith has equipment that he would like to liquidate. Tim could take pictures. Suggested that the whole project wait for about a month due to virus.

Question regarding retaining the 4th garden pole. Unanimous to allow Tim to level it where it is and improve its appearance.

*Liz made a motion to adjourn. Charlie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:43pm.
Next meeting by conference call on **May 28 @ 9:50am.***

