

## GLPG Board Meeting, July 14, 2020

Meeting convened at 9:50am via conference call

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

Charlie moved to approve minutes of previous minutes. Joan second, Unanimous acceptance of minutes.

Barb Sears presented for the Long Range Planning committee on a proposal to address GLPG electrical needs. A brief summary of the proposal follows. That committee is suggesting the installation of a solar panel that would meet our current electrical needs. Committee is proposing a voluntary investor model to sponsor the installation of the panel. Cost is estimated at \$40-45,000. The benefit to pursuing this project now, is that large financial incentives, which would be realized by the investors, are currently being offered but these are soon to be reduced. Barb states that the panel could eventually result in a savings to the guild of at least \$2400/year. The committee continues to investigate this option and has a detailed description that they would like to share with the membership.

Joan moved to support Long Range Planning committee in further investigation of this project and to present their proposal to the membership. Liz second. Pass unanimously.

Joan Witter, Education committee:

This is the time when GLPG typically advertises for Fall class. Education committee thinks that it is not yet safe to offer a class due to the increase in virus cases and the early stage of re-opening that we are currently in.

Lyn says that the tentative class list is full. Liz moved to support the decision by the Education committee to forego Fall class. Sara seconded, pass unanimously. Decision is clear for Lyn to convey to prospective students. Anne will post a notice about no Fall class on the web site. Joan will notify Margie regarding the same on a Facebook post.

Membership committee:

This committee supports a membership vote for Paul Stokstad and Tim Sime. Joan moved to accept membership committee recommendation for a vote, Charlie seconded. Pass unanimously.

Board would like the Membership committee to set up a vote by mail as soon as possible.

The committee will forward the membership recommendations to the whole membership and suggest that they can vote within a given time frame. Membership committee will inform the Visiting Potters and membership of the results. Joan moves to have the Membership comm. organize a vote for the two exiting VPs with a deadline for voting. Lyn seconded, pass unanimously.

Further recommendations were made that address the status of the current first & second year VPs. Recommendations focus on providing a fair experience and are detailed in a summary from that committee that would be shared at the next membership meeting. Meanwhile, a member of that committee will make contact with each VP to provide them with an update.

Electric kiln:

Anne Szilagyi finds the kiln to currently be placed too close to the wall to accommodate loading from both sides. She spoke with Tim Candy, who agreed to move it and will notify Anne when the is completed.

Masks during firing: Masks should be used during the firing. If a person needs to take a break, they can go outside.

New budget report was received from Madhu. Board thanks her for that information.

Bill Guerin provided detailed suggestions regarding keeping the windows open (to avoid contagion) and keeping the building cool. Barb will dispense his memo to members.

Regarding the reopening of the studio:

Sara Laitala thinks we should keep occupancy at two people because the weather appears to be heating up and that requires keeping the windows shut. In general two people was considered an appropriate number. There was no additional feedback from the membership. Decision was made to

maintain the current level of occupancy for now and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Note from Geoff regarding clay:

Geoff has been conducting a clay inventory, which appears to be acceptable. He can contact West Michigan whenever it is determined that we need delivery. Charlie notes that there is enough clay in one barrel to recycle if people want to do so, though the barrels are not brimming.

Anne proposes using the student shelves for extra storage for the time being.

**Annual general membership meeting: Date of August 27, at 7pm.**

**Meeting will be via “Zoom”.** There are various ways for people to use this application to accommodate their access to WIFI and their personal comfort with the program. Barb Hyman will ask Margie Steinkamp if she would be willing to host and manage the meeting and if she can set up a practice session for those who would appreciate that.

Barb Hyman will provide details related to the meeting, such as, positions for the board that are open and who is running.

Next meeting August 14 @ 9:50a. via conference call.

Charlie moved to adjourn, seconded by Sophie, passed unanimously. 11:30a, meeting was adjourned.