

GLPG Board Meeting, March 23, 2021

Meeting convened at 10 am via Zoom

Present: Anne Szilagyi, Sophie Wang, Barb Hyman, Joan Witter, Sara Laitala, Tim Candy, Barb Hranilovich, Bill Guerin, Judith Fleishman, Charlie Seebeck, Liz Myers

Motion to approve February minutes accepted and passed unanimously.

Motion to approve treasury report - prepared by Madhu Anderson – accepted and passed unanimously.

The Board heard a proposal by Liz Myers regarding the creation of a Guild sculpture garden. This garden would be located in various underutilized spaces on the property. A motion to approve the formation of a steering committee to further explore the sculpture garden project was passed unanimously. Liz will send out an email to members and VPs with more details regarding the project and to gauge general interest.

To ascertain views on a variety of issues currently impacting the Guild a survey was sent to the membership and the VPs. The majority of Guilders responded.

It was found that most of us are fully or partially vaccinated, those who have not been vaccinated intend to do so as vaccines become available for their specific age group.

In regards to current Guild cleaning practices, the majority would like to stop disinfecting surfaces in the work areas after individual use. However, members still felt that bathrooms needed to be disinfected after individual use.

Members appear to be divided over masking practices.

New Guild guidelines reflecting the survey results will be issued in the near future. In the meantime the Board requests that we all continue disinfect the bathrooms after use, use paper towels for hand washing, use individual cloth towels from home for personal use in the studio areas, and, keep wearing masks. If the weather permits please open the windows.

In addition, starting April 1 the online sign up schedule will expand from 4 to 6 members at any given time.

The sales survey revealed that the membership have plenty of pots to sell and are enthusiastic about having a late spring/early summer sale. So far it looks as though an outdoor sale on Guild property would be most feasible. The sales committee will be meeting to work out the details.

Discussion about the resumption of classes took place. It was agreed that no definite decisions about the opening up of classes should be made at this time. Hopefully in the

next month we will have a clearer picture of COVID trends and how to best proceed. An optimistic view would have us starting classes in September. Reducing class size, reducing the number of classes per year, and vaccine requirements, were some of the issues reviewed.

The Board reviewed mouth spraying practices. As per long standing Guild protocols, mouth spraying should not take place in the glaze room. Mouth spraying should take place outside (weather permitting) or in the clay room where there is room for 2 people: the spray booth and/or the surface beneath the grey box fan.

The Guild plans to hold our annual meeting at the end of May. Possibly via Zoom, possibly outside, weather permitting. We will be resuming the regular hosing and cleaning schedule after the annual meeting. Charlie will arrange member/ VP sign up.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting was seconded and approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM
Next meeting: April 20, 2021 at 10 AM