

## GLPG Board Meeting

February 26, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Pamela Timmons, Paul Stokstad, Sophie Wang, Mike Hamm, Sunny Wilkinson, Maureen Nelson, Barb Sears, Sara Laitala

### Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes from the January Board meeting.

### Budget Report

The budget looks about the same as last month. Next month's report will show about a \$60,000 deduction for payment for the new kilns.

### Clay Mixer Repair (Geoff)

The clay mixer is old, slow, dangerous, and broken. Geoff got an estimate to repair it for \$2,500, but it is not clear if the repair would solve the problems. At best it would speed the mixing, but it would not improve the safety concerns. A new dual-auger pug mill would cost about \$7,000-10,000 and would be able to replace both the mixer and the existing pug mill (which could be sold). There might be money left over from the kiln construction that could be used for a new machine. Based on that information, the Board decided to not proceed with the repair and instead to research the purchase of a new dual-auger pug mill.

### Update on Building Maintenance and Repair (Barb)

Barb found a lot of manuals in the old director's box she got from Charlie. They are now in the file cabinet in the clean room.

Barb researched a reverse osmosis filter system to replace the Culligan water cooler. We pay \$9/month rent for the Culligan, plus about \$32/month for jugs. The osmosis filter unit would be \$45/month. Best of all, nobody would have to wait at the Guild each month to let the water guy in. The Board voted to replace the system.

Sometimes people can't find replacement batteries, paper towels, or other items. Barb will compile a list of supplies and where they are stored. When it is ready, she will post it on the closet door in the clay room.

#### Update on Catenary Kiln and New Kilns (Mike)

The new kilns are in production. The shipping date, which was September, may be slightly sooner.

We have received no bids on the catenary kiln. One person has expressed interest in the burners. Mike will try advertising in some additional places. We will probably have to disassemble the catenary kiln ourselves, after the sale.

Instead of expanding the door to kiln yard, we will enlarge the side door by the kiln shelves. That modification should be easier and less expensive than the original plan.

#### Committee Signup for Next Year

The Board discussed committee signups but did not reach a final decision about signup processes and committee sizes.

#### Miscellaneous

Mike suggested that for the next Board meeting, we should come up with a list of topics that merit consideration and planning in the upcoming year. One item that was mentioned is that we are nearing capacity for shelf space usage.

#### Next Board Meeting

The Board scheduled its next meeting for Wednesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m.

#### Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be Thursday, May 22, 7:00-9:00 p.m.