

GLPG Board Meeting, April 20, 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

Motion to approve March minutes accepted and passed unanimously. Treasury report, prepared by Madhu Anderson, was reviewed by the Board. Motion to approve the treasury report was accepted and passed unanimously.

The following Guild updates were reviewed by the Board:

Clay - Geoff Gamble and Lynn Sawicki performed the monthly clay inventory. Clay supplies are currently sufficient. No new order is currently needed.

Website and list serve roles – to clarify, Barb Hranilovich maintains the website, Wendy Tilden maintains the Guild Google accounts (list serves) and prepares the monthly Guild work sign up sheet. Barb Sears will check and respond to all website email inquiries.

Sales - The sales committee is currently working out the details for our outdoor sale on June 12-13. More details from the sales committee will follow in the near future. Liz Myers has explored the possibility of setting up a monthly table at the Allen Street Wednesday Farmers' Market. The sales committee will discuss the feasibility of this opportunity.

LLC - Bill Guerin reports that our solar array has been hooked up successfully and over 700 KWs of power have already been generated. It has passed inspection by Bath Township and an official sticker has been placed on the electrical box. The Net Metering program with Consumers Energy will be starting up soon. Bill further reports that implementing solar power for the Guild presents no new tax implications; taxes will remain unchanged. A representative from the Guild's insurance company (Michigan Millers) will be out to the property soon to take pictures of the solar array.

Buildings/Maintenance – Tim Candy reports that yard clean up is progressing well. The driveway is still rather rutted due to the winter season but will be prepped in time for the June sale. Tim has set up a new outside grinding station in the shed near the soda kiln. The inside grinder is still operational, however it is old and functions poorly so will likely not be replaced when it breaks down. Charlie Seebeck is arranging for the periodic pumping out the Guild drains by Sloane Septic Services. A mutually convenient time is currently being scheduled. Charlie will be doing routine maintenance to some leaking faucets and faulty wheels. Our vacuuming system had been found to be faulty; Tim Candy and Bill Guerin have repaired and now it is in good working order.

Education – There will be a notice at the next Board meeting as to who will replace Joan

Witter, who has to step down as the Chair of the Education Committee.

Board election – The names of six Guild members who would be willing to fill the three upcoming positions on Board were solicited. Due to the pandemic, a motion was made, for safety's sake, to defer any standard in person voting procedures. This motion was seconded and approved. Instead, we will adhere to last year's precedent where Members either emailed in their Board member choices to the vote collector, or anonymously placed them in a sealed envelope in a designated mail box at the Guild. Specific instructions for this process will soon follow in an email to all members.

Committee preferences - A detailed email with instructions for completing committee preferences will also soon be sent out to the membership and the VPs.

Paper sign up sheets for the cleaning and hosing schedule will be deferred until the Guild is fully operational. We will continue to rely on those members who are actively working at the Guild to periodically step forward to do these chores. As before, signing up to clean is done on the online work sign up sheet.

The mandatory sale meeting will be held at 7 PM on MAY 20th via Zoom
The mandatory annual Guild meeting will be held at 7 PM on MAY 24th via Zoom

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

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM
Next meeting: May 13, 2021 at 10 AM via Zoom