

# Handicraft Club Board Meeting

February 24, 2015

(Postponed from February 17<sup>th</sup> due to poor weather)

**Members Present:** Kit Barnum, Jean Cole, Raya Goff, Margaret Lederer, Jozy Mainelli, Nancy Moger, and Trish Sylvester **N.B. There was not a quorum in attendance.**

**Members Absent:** Jen Auber, Alice Beckwith, Bobbie Binder, Sharleen Bowen, Rhea Brooks, Anne Considine, Margie Edwards, Shirley Hardison, Izzy Goff, Janet Jagger, Lois Lang, Jozy Mainelli, Trish Poirrier, Ann Schomer, Marilyn Shealey, Mary Small, Ann Snyder, Ginny Walsh, Sally Whitin,

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Nancy Moger standing in for Margie Edwards

**Secretary's Report:** Recording Secretary Raya Goff moved that the minutes from the January 20<sup>th</sup> board meeting be approved as amended. Motion was seconded and carried. *Motion may have to be voted on again at March meeting with a quorum.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Trish Sylvester presented the Treasurer's Report for January (filed electronically).

The December kitchen figures, unavailable in December, are included in this month.

Donations of \$400 made at Christmas have not been put into the endowment since they were not specified. At the moment they're in the checking account awaiting a further decision.

Jackie has found a significantly cheaper insurance policy. We would pay the premiums to her and the insurer would deduct that money from her account by direct deposit. It was felt that we should pay a portion of the difference directly to Jackie.

Trish is concerned about next year's budget. We did not receive the usual money at Christmas raised by the auction. Expenses are up. A variety of suggestions were mentioned but no decision reached.

The treasurer's Report was moved, seconded, and the motion carried. *Motion may have to be voted on again at March meeting with a quorum.*

**President's Report:** Margie Edwards - no report

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Nancy Moger - no report

**Class report:** Bobbie Binder – filed electronically

**Nominating Report:** Ginny Walsh - no report this month but will be coming in March

**House Report:** Kit Barnum - filed electronically

Kit reported that the fire alarms have been going off for false alarms. Two men have been in to inspect the system. They recommended we install a wireless system with battery operated sensors. The batteries last for five years and warn you when they are about to die. She asked for a price which would include the installation of a motion sensor in the lunchroom as we have been informed that it would be very easy to break in there through the windows.

**Membership Report:** Jozy Mainelli - filed electronically

Jozy announced that we have had no applications or resignations this month. Our membership stands at 412.

**Giving Societies:** Rhea Brooks and Janet Jagger – no report

**Historian's Report:** Alice Beckwith – filed electronically

**Program Report:** Trish Poirrier – site of the Annual Meeting in May has not been determined.

**Old Business:**

**Calendar:** Nancy Moger introduced the working draft for the calendar 2015-2016

The fall ten week classes will finish on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Make-ups will occur from December 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. (The Holiday Party is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup>.)

The winter term will run from January 4<sup>th</sup> to February 26<sup>th</sup> with the make-up classes to run from February 29<sup>th</sup> to March 11<sup>th</sup>. Given the difficulties of winter we may offer open studios for a fee and more 4 week workshops.

The spring term will be longer, beginning on March 21<sup>st</sup> and ending on May 20<sup>th</sup> with a make-up week to follow.

**Strategic Plan:** Nancy Moger introduced the possible reinstatement of the Jesse Knight Fund, or a newly named fund.

After much discussion, it was the consensus of the board members present to establish a fund to subsidize class fees. Unlike the Jesse Knight Fund, it would not be used for scholarships or further teacher education. It was also noted that this fund would welcome smaller donations than the giving societies and be quite popular with members.

Nancy read the tribute to Ann Burnham which was presented at last year's annual meeting. She proposed that the name of the fund be changed to the Ann Burnham fund. There was general

enthusiasm that this was an appropriate change and that Ann would have been extremely pleased. If this idea passes, her family will be notified and perhaps some sort of presentation might be made at the annual meeting in May. A motion to establish the Anne Burnham Fund will be presented at the March meeting.

In ensuing discussion of the cost of classes and the impact that longer terms may have on overall class fees, in addition to the use of a fund, Kit suggested that we use a Walmart approach ("Rollback") with a 10% reduction in class cost in return for a prompt sign up.

**New Business:** None

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn at 12:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Raya Goff

Recording Secretary