

## **The Handicraft Club Board Meeting**

**June 11, 2019**

**Home of Fran Gammell-Roach**

**Incoming and Outgoing Board Members Present:** Kit Barnum, Bobbie Binder, Sharleen Bowen, Sara Carcieri, Margie Edwards, Kate Farrington, Fran Gammell-Roach, Pam Gardner, Janet Jagger, Margaret Lederer, Jozy Mainelli, Trish Poirrier, Mary Reineman, Heather Roberts, Helene Shapiro, Marilyn Shealey

**Staff Present:** Rebecca Simmering

**Outgoing Board Members Not Present:** Jay Connelly, Deb Drinker, Sharon Linder, Sandy Richter, Sally Whitin, Judy Wilson

**President Fran Gammell-Roach called the meeting to order at 11:10 am.**

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the annual meeting were distributed for review. The minutes of the May 21, 2019, board meeting were accepted as distributed with two corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sara Carcieri reviewed the submitted Treasurer's report, noting that the club should end the year in the black. The report was unanimously accepted as read.

**Membership Report:** Kate Farrington reported that 21 new applicants had applied for membership in the last month, partly as a result of publicity about the Club before the May open house. Kate suggested more board members attend the open house to facilitate taking applications at this event. The next application deadline is September 30, with a new members lunch also scheduled for that month. Pam Gardner suggested members of the Nominating Committee be invited to attend the New Members Lunch.

The following motion, proposed by Bobbie Binder and seconded by Sara Carcieri, passed unanimously:

**That all of the following 21 new applicants be accepted as club members: Julie Beitle, Loretta Thorp, Michelle Shevlin, Allison Osburn, Patricia Ross Watson, Anne Jackson, Suzi Andrews, Pat king, Marianne Migliori, Jocelyn Feldman, Marie Hertenstein, Ann Tefler, Kathleen Hall, Patricia Philbin, Judy Sormanti, Joyce Sormanti, Valerie Ottaviano, Rebecca Randolph, Corryn Languir, Robin Rains, Jenny Prull**

Sara Carcieri reported that there had been 22 resignations and that there were 37 members who had not yet paid their dues. Board members agreed to contact those not paid to confirm their status.

Bobbie Binder presented the option that the Club adopt a membership number that represents a goal and a "not to exceed" number. She proposed the following motion, which passed unanimously:

**That the number of members not exceed 450.**

A discussion was held about proposed policy changes for several committees that had been previously distributed. Under membership, after discussion a decision was made not to change the May date for membership enrollment. Margie Edwards proposed and Sharleen Bowen seconded the following amendment, which passed unanimously:

**That the Handbook be updated to reflect all proposed changes in membership policy.**

Margie Edwards led a discussion of the policy changes submitted for the Investment Committee. Margie Edwards proposed and Helene Shapiro seconded the following amendment, which passed unanimously:

**That all proposed policy changes offered by the Investment Committee be accepted.**

Margaret Lederer reported for Deb Drinker that so far she had no policy changes to propose. She said that she, Bobbie, Helene and Pam would review Class policies and submit needed changes to a vote by email.

Sara Carcieri also stated that she did not have policy changes to submit so far and would review any new proposals with Margie, Fran, Bobbie and Margaret.

The handbook will be completed by September with much of the work done in-house. Pam Gardner said that she would appreciate a list of the Committee chairs to be included in the handbook. Fran suggested that we might include photos of board members.

Fran stated that the working calendar would be emailed to board members.

Sharleen Bowen suggested we reconsider the dates of the Members' Show, with a return to three days and including some evenings.

Fran reported that the consultant to assist in long range planning would not be hired until the end of June. They are still hoping to have focus groups from mid-summer to fall. She stated the Long-Range Planning committee had worked hard to focus on healing any rifts between club members.

Fran thanked all out-going board members for their service.

Trish Poirier made a motion, seconded by Bobbie Binder, that the meeting be adjourned.

**The meeting was formally adjourned at 12:40 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Shealey, Recording Secretary