

The Handicraft Club

Annual Membership Meeting

May 17, 2019

Board Members Present: Kit Barnum, Alice Beckwith, Bobbie Binder, Sharleen Bowen, Sara Carcieri, Deb Drinker, Margie Edwards, Kate Farrington, Fran Gammell-Roach, Janet Jagger, Margaret Lederer, Sharon Linder, Mary Reineman, Sandy Richter, Marilyn Shealey, Sally Whitin

Board Members Absent: Jay Connelly, Pamela Gardner, Jozy Mainelli, Trish Poirrier, Judy Wilson

Club Members Present: Joyce Almeida, Barbara Baldwin, Geraldine Barber, Mitzi Berkelhammer, Pat Billings, Anne Bright, Beth Bullock, Mary Chase, Betsy Champlin, Barbara Colt, Anne Constantino, Carla Cook, Linda Diebold, Sandy Earle, Stacy Emanuel, Julia Emlen, Ruth Fain, Caryl Freedman, Leslie Fuller, Gail Ginnetty, Raya Goff, Amy Goldstein, Susan Graseck, Mary Ann Hackett, Ginger Harkey, Barbara Halzel, Ann Holmes, Vivien Jones, Pat Ley, Janice Libby, Susan McCarthy, Lee Ann Merlo, Nancy Moger, Drew Moran, Anne O'Neill, Susan Pakula, Janice Panoff, Lori Petros, Donna Pilkington, Heather Roberts, Linda Rockwell, Barbara Rosenbaum, Sylvia Sapir, Jill Scott, Helene Shapiro, Mary Small, Suzanne Swanson, Susan Tash, Jane Taylor, Angela Thomas, Ginny Walsh

Non-member Teachers and Staff: Anastasia Azure, Jackie Hicks, Rebecca Siemering

President Fran Gammell-Roach called the meeting to order at 11:24 a.m.

Fran outlined the procedures for voting for this meeting.
The following motion was made and passed unanimously:

To limit each speaker to two minutes.

A motion to approve the minutes of May 18, 2018, annual meeting passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Treasurer Sara Carcieri reviewed the financial report of the Club from July 2018 to present. She highlighted that dues are one-third of our revenue, that class tuition exceeded the budget by 9%, and that Truman's Trolley fell short of expectations. The following approximate balances in the Club's accounts were reported as of May 1:

Checking:	\$ 58,000
Savings:	6,800
General Fund:	219,000
Investment Fund:	6,600,000
Rhode Island Foundation Fund:	98,000

Sara reviewed the board-approved budget for the coming year. She suggested that if the Club were to undertake a large purchase in the future, such as the purchase of a new building, the dollar amount members are willing to spend should be determined before undertaking the process.

Investment Report: Margie Edwards reviewed the investment report, noting that although the market was volatile over the past year, our balances held well. She stated that a new conflict of interest policy had been voted on and approved.

Nominating Committee: On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Sharon Linder read the proposed slate of officers for the 2019-2020 year, which was unanimously approved:

President:	Fran Gammell-Roach
Vice-President:	Margaret Lederer
Vice-President:	Bobbie Binder
Recording Secretary:	Marilyn Shealey
Treasurer:	Sara Carcieri
Asst. Treasurer:	Mary Reinenman
Investment Committee Member:	Carol Cimilluca
Finance Committee Member:	Susanne Toothaker

By-Laws Committee: Bobbie Binder reviewed the by-laws changes that the committee has proposed. She stated that an effort was made to revise them to include only principles and not policies and procedures, which would be outlined in other documents. Highlights of the new by-laws include:

- Clarification of the membership categories
- Allowing each co-chair of a standing committee will have a vote on the board
- Stating the President has a right to vote in her ex-officio capacity on committees
- Formation of an Executive Committee
- Renaming the Investment Committee
- Creating a pathway for absentee voting
- Establishing a new Rules of Order which will serve as guidelines for governance

She suggested that the by-laws be adopted as a whole as the parts are interconnected. Discussion centered on which functions are standing committees vs. divisions of larger committees, pros and cons of term limits for committee chairs and whether Roberts Rules of Order should be dropped before new rules are established. Bobbie stated that at the board meeting to be held the following Tuesday, the board would then adopt Robert's Rules of Order to be used as guidelines until new rules are adopted. The following motion was proposed and passed favorably:

To adopt the new bylaws as proposed by the By-Laws Committee

A motion to adjourn the formal part of the meeting passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:47p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Shealey, Recording Secretary