

Handicraft Club Board Meeting
Thursday, January 19th, 2023
4:00pm on Zoom

Present~ Liza McCahan and Stacy Emanuel, CO-Presidents, Sara Carcieri, Vice President,, Mary Reineman, Vice President, Susanne Toothaker, Corresponding Secretary, Fran Gammell-Roach, Investments, Heather Roberts, Nominating, Anne Jackson and Emily Morgan, Class co-Chairs, Sue Pakula, Building and Grounds, Amabel Allen and Kerry Sweeney, Membership, Tamara Bolotow, Events, Sharleen Bowen and Anne Snyder, Giving Society, Margaret Lederer, Ex-Officio and Helen Bingham, General Manager. Not present~ Lisa Churchville, Kathy Bourque and Kate Farrington.

The minutes from the November 17, 2022 Board Meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report~ The final total for the Gratuity Fund was \$8,880.00 with 89 members contributing, which everyone felt was an indication of how members are feeling about our Club. Helen, Rebecca, Kate, Henry and Ed all received bonus gifts. The financial report was placed on file.

Presidents' Report~ A big thank you to Tammy B. and her committee for all their efforts with events. Another big thank you to Amabel and Kerry for welcoming 18 new members at the new member lunch. Thank you to class chairs for all the wonderful and exciting class offerings and the new format for our class catalogue.

***To all class chairs, please keep information in tact to pass from chair to chair.

Helen's Report~ We had a discussion on ordering lunches (Helen had sent out information about the lunch program ahead of the meeting). Could we possibly indicate to Helen the week before if we think we might be ordering lunches; possibly buy a lunch pass? There was push back on ordering ahead. A survey is coming out on the lunch program for folks taking classes.

A discussion about Truman's Trolley and how expensive it is. Is there another company that can provide the same service for less money? Maybe a smaller bus or get a competitive bid.

Buildings and Grounds~ Sue reported that books not being used have been removed from the Club (contributing to mold issues). The skylight over the decorative painting room was damaged by a skateboarder. We need to contact O'Donnell about a see through barrier to protect the skylight. No Trespassing signs were put up there. A suggestion that a sign saying, "video surveillance" possibly be put up. Ring cameras/motion spotlight were other suggestions.

Nominations~ phone calls will be starting soon!

Classes~ The array of classes and workshops are wonderful! The Club is feeling vibrant again! Rebecca is checking with teachers about 8 or 10 week classes.

Communications~

Events~ Discussion about possibly doing a few day trips like "Art in Bloom at the MFA. Next year is our 120th year celebration. Looking into a theme like "Women who gather and create and how that impacts society. It would be a good time to gather a little press!

Giving Society~ Judy Swan passed away and her family gifted the Club \$5,000.00, which was added to our investment fund. A note of appreciation was sent.

Investment~

Personnel~

Membership~ The referral program will be extended until the end of the year. It went well. Our membership numbers are up from 274 to 293!!! 8 members were referred from the program. The New Member lunch was great! The committee will be looking into membership categories and

making sure there is easy access. Looking into the possibility of doing weekend workshops. Also lookinf at retention and honoring milestones. Tremendous work and enthusiasm!!!!

Executive Session~ We are starting an expense assessment program.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm~

Respectfully,
Susanne Toothaker
Corresponding Secretary