

Ceramics West Minutes of January 2, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Cindy Ferguson

A quorum was established. Secretary Nancy Nighbor stated minutes are posted on the board from the previous meeting for all to read. Motion to accept minutes was made by Lee and seconded by Mark Friedman. It was noted that going forward, key information and highlight of any votes from the previous meeting would be reviewed by the secretary to keep everybody up to date, as well as posting the minutes on the board.

Treasurer's report was read by Marilyn Engelken. \$30.00 in cash box, \$6,199.20 in checking account and \$6,076.58 in equipment reserve. Also for the officers of the day, when posting your cash for the day, please put the gift certificates under the checks, record it as a minus to the days cash, for it is not considered income.

Vice President Nicole Donati reported on January classes.

Beginners classes are being held on January 11, 18, 25. Chalking class with Liz Walker on the 10th and 24th. If you want to learn how to chalk, this will be her last class. On the 17th Milt will be offering an introduction to pouring. Dry brush with Nancy Tappan will be on the 19th.

A texturizing workshop with Kaye Colbeck will be held after the meeting this morning.

Much interest has been shown for a Translucents class. If anyone interested in being the instructor, contact Nicole Donati.

In lieu of the Brushes 101 demonstration, we will have Shading with Cover Coat after the February meeting with Chris Sorden.

We are also looking for more workshop ideas for the months March, April and May.

Our Events were reported by Kaye Oteham. She welcomed the new addition to her team Connie Brooks. Events on the calendar for the year are:

Feb. 08 White Elephant Sale
Feb. 15 Souper Bingo
Mar. 08 Craft Fair
May 10 Vegas Buffet
July Ice cream Social, will be held in the evening.
Oct. 11 Annual Picnic We will be having a BBQ
Nov. 18 Fall Craft Fair
Dec. 06 Christmas Party

Firing Room report. Kathy Langford Edwards was not present, so the president, Cindy Ferguson gave the report.

Wet pieces are not allowed in the firing room. If you happen to put a piece in that is not dry, do not set it on your firing ticket, for it will stay wet. We now have two drying cabinets available where you can place your pieces to dry overnight before putting them in the firing room. If interested in learning the firing room job, just let Kathy know.

It was noted that if you are a firing room person and are asked to take one piece out of a kiln, that you empty the kilns. There are some days we have no one to do the job.

It was discussed what would be a reasonable length of time to keep your pieces on the firing room shelves. A vote was taken for a 30 day period of time. Chris Zabler made the motion and Lee second the motion. All members were in favor.

Chuck Inman on greenware, our shelves are bare.

Membership renewal has begun and Nancy Tappan will be available to take your registration after the meeting.

Kaye Colbeck on pouring, is in need of a list of qualified pourers and monitors so teams can be formed. Any help with pouring would be appreciated. If you can help clean the molds or help put them away.

Supplies: Beverly Skoag was absent. It was announced she will be leaving her position at the end of the year. She will gladly train someone to take her place.

It was also announced we still have two positions open:

Library and Club Publicity Chair.

New Business:

The Rec Center will be doing a space utilization study. They will come and talk to us just to see how things are going.

All are welcome to the Board meetings which are held the Monday before the first Thursday of the month at 11 am.

Volunteer hours for the month 771. For the year 8,880 and total firings for the year 5,200.
Next meeting February 2.

Roseanne Roelandts will be doing the Newcomers orientation on January 19. If anyone would like join her, let her know.

The windows are going to be changed on January 18. Shirley Reynolds will be taking over the position. Nicole Donati will be there to help her make the transition. Bring in any pieces you would like to display and don't forget to pick up your pieces being taken out of the windows.

The raffle collected \$104.00. The winner of \$52.00 was Karen Downes.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 am.

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