

General Meeting February 2, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Cindy Ferguson.

Quorum was established.

Before starting the general meeting. February is Volunteer Month. Cindy wanted to recognize the 13 volunteers who had over 200 hour for 2016. June Marten Jack Marten, Pat Snellings, Kay Oteham Karol Woodbury, Sue Lewis, Connie Brooks, Norm Koch, Cindy Ferguson, Ed Faygal, Chris Sorden, and Debbie Placher. We had almost 9,000 volunteer hours last year and the club has volunteer 30 positions besides our OD's and monitors. We should all be proud of what we do to keep this club running.

Karol Woodbury read a letter from Eve's Place thanking us for our Christmas gifts and for all we contribute during the year.

Secretary Nancy Nighbor read the highlights of the last meeting's minutes. Wet pieces are not to be put in the firing room. We now have 2 drying cabinets to put your items in to dry overnight before firing. You may leave your fired pieces in the firing room up to 30 days . When firing room people are asked to take a piece out of the kiln, we ask that you empty the kilns. Some days there is no one to do the job. There is an OD master list on the sign in table. If you are an OD please take the time to update your info and let us know if you are still interested in being officer of the day. Motion to approve minutes made by Lee Moss and seconded by Roseanne Roelandts.

Treasurer's Report - Marilyn Engelken. Reserve \$6,077.10, Checking 9,542.80, Cash \$30.00. Please be sure you have \$30.00 in the cash box at the end of your shift. When counting the cash, make sure you start with the \$30.00 and then count your sales.

Window Sales - Nicole Donati has turned the Window sales over to Shirley Reynolds. When there is a window sale, the OD must take the sales slip out of the Window sales book that corresponds to the piece being sold and walk the piece and the customer over to the Village store for purchase. We have more room in the display window, so if you have any appropriate pieces for this season, just let Shirley know and she will help you. She has samples in the book of how to fill out the slips and tickets for your items.

Cindy requested that members do not go behind the front counter and allow the OD and sales monitor to take care of what you need. They will be happy to help you. Please do not congregate at the desk, so those behind the desk can do their job.

Classes - Nicole Donati - The classes are listed in this month's newsletter. Nancy Tappen's drybrush classes will now take 4 people at the tie. We are still looking for someone to teach Translucents. If interested, let Nicole know.

The OD keys are signed out and signed in when brought back. Please make sure you write down the date you brought it back, and bring them back promptly so the next person has a key. We will be remarking them so they are easier to read.

Good to see all the new members. Please remember you must sign up to monitor this month, the calendar is on the wall in the pouring room, otherwise you will not be able to fire pieces next Month.

Events - Connie Brooks - The Silent Auction is February 6-10 ending that day at 10am. The White Elephant Sale will be held on February 8 from 8-12. If you are selling anything, you must bring your own change.

Kay Oteham - On February 15th we will have a Souper Salad Bingo Party. Sign up sheet is at the front desk. If you are bringing soup or salad for the party, maybe you would like to share your recipes.

Firing Room - Kathy Langford-Edwards - Crystal pieces must be put on the correct shelf. She will be moving crystals to a higher shelf to make it more visible. And putting new labels on the shelves.

Membership - Nancy Tappen - We now have 124 members. When signing up new members, it would be helpful if you would mark the envelope beginner.

Cindy Ferguson reminded us that the Rec Center no longer puts the renewal date on your Rec Cards. The Ceramic club will be responsible to validate membership. We will be doing this on a monthly basis.

Pouring - Kay Colbeck asked all pouring personnel to stay after the meeting to get input on the best pouring procedures, so they can be updated.

Supplies- Judy Aden - We now have 1 special order book instead of two.

Old Business - We still have a vacancy for club publicity. Cindy would like to see club pictures regularly in the Rec Center news. She will be taking pictures of the Phoenix Ceramic Show award winning pieces from our club.

Happy Camp - There will be 3 sessions in March and 20 children will be in each session. Volunteer sheets will be posted on the front desk. We also need volunteers to help clean, fire and paint the pieces for the kids so they are ready to paint for the sessions. They will be located on the table in the back of the work room.

Chris Sorden will be having a Shading with Cover Coat after the meeting this morning.

The club had 486 fired pieces, Volunteer hours were 1,004 this month.

The next General Meeting will be held March 2.

Roseanne Roelandts mentioned that when we get new members, and they have to wait to do the Beginners Class, they may need a mentor, take them under their wing, so they can start to learn how to clean and paint.

Raffle winner was Bonnie Marshall \$40.00 Congratulations Bonnie.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Nancy Nighbor
Secretary