

Ceramics West GENERAL MEETING September 7, 2017

**Meeting was called to order** at 9:00 am by Cindy Ferguson, President

May 4, 2017 Board Meeting **Minutes** were highlighted by Secretary, Nancy Nighbor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marilyn Engelken

Cash on Hand is \$30.00. Equipment reserve fund \$8,078.41. Checking \$9,552.74.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Vice President: Nicole Donati**

Nicole updated the membership on upcoming classes scheduled including a beginners class. Some interest has been shown for a Pouring Class. An Instructor will be recruited.

Nicole polled the membership regarding their interest in continuing the Workshop/Demonstration sessions. She will go ahead and schedule sessions to be held Nov. - May.

Starting in October, Orientation Sessions for new members will begin directly following the General Meeting.

Nicole reminded the members that October is the discount copy month and to let her know of any copying needs.

#### **Craft Fair - Debbie Placher**

Craft fair is coming up on November 4th. Sign up sheets will be posted on the counter for exhibitors and volunteers.

#### **Events: Kay Oteham, Connie Brooks, and Debbie Placher**

Cindy thanked the events committee for the great ice cream social that was held in July.

The next event is the Annual Picnic to be held on Wednesday Oct. 11th. The main menu will include Ribs and Chicken along with many sides. Members are invited to bring favorites dishes. Cost is \$5.00.

#### **Firing Room - Judy Aden**

The Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule will continue through the month of September.

More firing room volunteers are needed. A special thank you was given to Sue Lewis, Karol Woodbury, Ed Fagyal, Kay Colbeck, who stepped up over the summer to keep things going and especially to Judy who filled in for Kathy Langford Edwards while she was away due to a broken leg from an accident.

Judy presented a new item - firing paper that can be used to avoid stilt marks. It is \$4.50 a sheet, can be shared with other members, need to be cut to fit the item, is not reusable.

#### **Greenware - Mike Nighbor**

The board discussed the need to increase prices of greenware. It was agreed that there is no need at this time to do that. However at the suggestion of the Treasurer, the Board agreed to round up prices to be in increments of \$. 25 either up or down depending on the current price.

#### **Pouring**

A big thank you to Kay Oteham and Kaye Colbeck for pouring over 200 pieces in August to get us ready for the fall.

A reminder was made to the membership to look for the newly released molds in designated cabinets.

### **New Business**

Bylaws state that a 3 member nominating committee be elected by the members at the September meeting. Jack Marten nominated Judy Aden, Norm Koch, and Chris Sorden, The motion was made and seconded and voted unanimously.

Friendship Policy - The board agreed that it is best that the club not single out any member who might have left the club or moved as it might inevitably leave someone out and lead to hurt feelings.

The Rec Center will be hosting their semi annual Club Officers Training on October 18th and 19t. Nicole will attend on the 18th. Cindy will attend on the 19th.

There was discussion about members being able to receive volunteer hours for working in August. It was agreed that going forward July and August hours will be counted and entered into the book as hours for September. There will be one sales day but no firing day. Please do not put items on the shelves until September when firing resumes.

Upcoming Club and Rec Center activities that the club will be participating in and need volunteers for:

RH Johnson Open House - Oct. 28th  
40th Anniversary Lizards project, parade  
Newcomers Orientation - Nov. 2nd  
Pool Grand Opening - Sept 16th.  
September Open Houses on Sept 9th and Sept 23rd.

Raffle winner was Marian Maxwell.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.