

Ceramics West Board Meeting January 25, 2024

Meeting called to order: 10:06 Richard Pinkerton (President)

Treasurer Report: Mike Santana

- Checking account Balance \$6,131
- Equipment reserve fund balance \$5,179
 - Have taken in about \$2,500 in Membership dues
 - To date, we have 135 members that are paid, includes those that signed up Oct-Dec
 - A reminder to those who have not renewed, an email has been sent out as a reminder

Kilns: Mike Santana

- On Tuesday, 1/23/24,
 - 4 Kilns sounded alarms
 - Top Bricks red hot
 - Vents Clogged
 - Fans not on, not working properly
 - Having Maintenance come and clean
- Will present to club at General Meeting 2/1/24
 - Replacement of Bricks and Elements on 6 kilns
 - Estimated cost to be less than \$1,000

Committee Reports:

☐ **Classes:** Kathy Culliton

- Publicity Chair, Darlene requested that, if possible, a list of upcoming classes be set up in advance so that she can get class information into news publications
- Kathy is looking at a more comprehensive process of setting up classes
- Would like to schedule 30-60 days out
- Perhaps set up a "Coming Soon" Class sign, with more information to follow for members to anticipate

☐ **Supplies:** Kathy Culliton

- The cost of supplies will be increasing in Feb.
- Current markup has been 17.1% for quite some time and has not been increased when sales tax increased from 6.5% to 8.6%, decreasing the percentage margin for the club to 8.5% from 10.6%.
- Price adjustments need to be relative to tax and price of product increases
- Motion to increase Markup for supplies from 17.1% to 18.6% by Kathy Culliton to realign cost/sales ratio to 10%, 2nd by Mike Santana, Board Approved
 - Pieces from Bisque Imports have been and will remain at a 10% markup
 - Bisque Pieces from Marjon's are not marked up
 - Suggested by Nancy, do a price comparison to present to the members

☐ **Pouring:** Nancy Hren

- Most of our greenware slip has gone up
 - Currently pay about \$6.75, some molds take a lot more slip
 - Nancy will present a comparison of cost to the membership
- The Motion to purchase of a yarn mold clarification from 1/4/24
 - Will readdress at 2/1/24 General Meeting to clarify
 - Prepurchase with a list or just purchase

- Special Pours
 - Nancy will clarify at the General Meeting
 - Pourers receive 1st choice on a piece
 - Pourers pour per the requested list
 - Classes get priority
 - Once a piece is poured, put in the pouring cabinet, that piece goes to who it was poured for, Pourers do not clam once in cabinet with a name on it
 - Pouring cabinets now will be locked, only OD will be allowed to open
 - Hot pieces: usually 6 are poured in advance before released
 - Pourers do not get 1st pour choice until after the pieces are released
- Looking into having some pouring classes and monitor training
 - Currently have about 6 monitors and about 15 pourers
 - Classes are a commitment of 4 weeks/ 8 classes
- **Special Events:** Deb Santana
 - Chili Cook Off
 - 2/29/24 from 12-3 Free
 - Will Put up Posters after Valentine Event
 - Will need 5 People to volunteer to compete
 - Contests, 1st 2nd & 3rd prizes will be given
 - Valentine Event
 - Feb. 14th 12-4
 - Work room will be closed to members for setup on the 13th
 - Motion to give \$100 from the club toward the Valentine Event expenses by Kathy Culliton, 2nd by Mike Santa, Board Approved
- **New Chair:** Firing Desk Organizational Chair Person
 - Judy Aden will now maintain the Firing Room Table
 - Create a new job description
 - Voted on and approved by the Board
- **Misc. Business: Richard Pinkerton**
 - Presented to the board a Lock Box for locking cabinets
 - To be put on each Cabinet belonging to different Chairs for their supplies
 - \$9.89 each
 - Each box will have it's own code
 - Motion to put lock boxes on Cabinets for security purposes by Kathy Culliton, 2nd by Mike Santana, Board Approved

Motion to Adjourn: Sheree Anderson, 2nd Mike Santana
 Meeting Adjourned 11:23