



St. Albert Potter's Guild General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 P.M.

Agenda adopted as written approved by Lorelei Noble, seconded by Mary Hutchings

January's Minutes Approved by Rachelle LeBlanc, seconded by Lesley Gordon

President:

February 11th, a draft of the by laws with changes that are not majorly significant and the handbook with changes that are more significant will be sent out by email and then posted on the website. Everyone will be given a month to review the changes. There will be a notation saying 'new' or 'changed' or 'deleted' right in the document to make it easier to locate. Many of the changes are to solidify in writing the membership selection process. Email Jan if you have suggestions, amendments, things you want to see that may be missing. In the middle of the month, February 24th, there will be a meeting in the library. We will book a room and anyone who has specific concerns or has more to say than is possible to put in an email is welcome to come. The executive will be there and take note of what people say. The cut off date to send emails to Jan is March 11th. All of the comments both oral or by email will be amalgamated by March 16th when the executive will be meeting. We will then come up with a final draft to be presented at a Special Meeting on April 13th at the studio where there will be two votes. One will be a vote on the by-laws and one will be a vote on the rest of the handbook.

This year the a number of positions on the executive will be vacated (President, Treasurer?, Program Coordinator, and Communications). Please consider stepping up.

We are looking at creating two new positions at this point. A membership co-ordinator and a firing co-ordinator.

Discussions about possible web site alterations followed and it was decided to consider some of these after the by laws and handbook issues were completed and put to rest. Jan will talk to the Gomezes to see if some of the ideas brought up are even possible.

An idea was put forward to have a cone 10 and cone 6 co-ordinator for the glazes.

Vice-President:

Nothing to report.

Secretary:

Nice thank you note from Theresa Tailleir thanking us for inviting her to our Xmas party.

Two new magazines for our Library. Librarian was not there so they have been put in our library cupboard.

We received catalogues from the Red Deer college for their summer arts programs. One will be posted on our bulletin board, the others interested members took.

Linda Willard is looking for glazed work they do not want. Please put in her cubby. She will be breaking it up and using it in a project she currently has going.

Treasurer:

This month we paid our Lease (\$8,694.00). We now have \$3,573. in checking act; \$12,569. in savings; and \$30,375 in GIC Investments.

Programs:

Tanis absent, no report.

Communications:

Tamara absent, no report.

Committee Reports:

SAPVAC:

We need to do a health and safety workshop for all members who did not go to it last year or are new. Caroline will be hosting them on Feb. 25th, Thursday morning at 10 a.m. and Feb.27, Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Only takes half and hour to 45 minutes. She will be sending an email out for signups. She will also get course information up on the web site.

SUPPLY & CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

Ordered chemicals have arrived and she has put them away except for one bag that is too heavy. Anyone with muscles that would like to tackle that job would be appreciated.

Lid on kiln #2 has been replaced by warrantee. Diane kept the old lid that could perhaps be used at the Raku site.

We have new stainless steel around our sinks now. Please keep clean up after ourselves.

Diane will continue looking for new tongs for us. Fingerlings were shown to us as an alternative to tongs for glazing.

CLAY:

Elene absent, no report.

LIBRARY:

Edith absent, no report.

GLAZES:

Gene absent, no report.

RAKU:

Rene will order more propane next week. He will also replace the seals, that he has not already replaced, on the torches. The door handle to the shed is near impossible to get into. Rene will buy and replace for us. He is looking at getting a Raku firing going sometime in April. He will work out who gets keys.

HOUSEKEEPING:

Nell made a request that when we clean up we do that little bit extra.

New Business:

Heather Shepherd:She works for the Art Gallery of St. Albert and is looking for volunteers for their fundraiser. She read why we should support the event (letter attached).They need 8 or 9 people on March 12th. They will building a small, hand build project.

Jennifer Deltombe:She is working with Heather on the fundraiser project and explained some of the jobs and left a sign up sheet for members who want to volunteer to place their names on.

Gina Joys:We are missing a key that opens the damper on the roof. It is on a red curly cord. If anyone knows where it is please get it to Gina.

Margaret Belec:Spring sale is upon us. She is looking for volunteers, so let her know if you are interested in helping out. or theme this year is "All Creatures Great and Small". Sale date is April 28, 29, and 30. I kabans we a hit last year so if anyone is still making them, you will be responsible for your own flowers this year but Margaret is thinking of setting up a table dedicated to them. Fran has offered to do a workshop on April 3rd (from 10 a.m. on) to show the basics of making sculptures. She would request if you had a turn table at home and round little salad bowls, please bring them. Margaret is hoping to get the Gazette to come to the workshop to do us up a story.

Diane Gwilliam:We have firing procedures so please read up before firing. Diane will send us a copy for us to get up on the web site.

Also our community, and building users are constantly going under a lot of change . Please be cognizant of your safety and keep the studio doors closed when you are inside.

Only use our phones with clean hands please!

ADJOURNMENT AT: 8:12 P.M.

MOVED BY: Teri Trainberg 2ND Rene Parenteau.

