

Minutes
Foothills Craft Guild
Board of Directors
March 15, 2005

Unofficial, Pending Board Approval

The meeting was held at the FCG office, Emporium Building, Knoxville, Tennessee. Dennis McAvoy, President, called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Board members present: Dennis McAvoy, Charlie Mead, Gay Bryant, Kristine Taylor, Pat Fain, June Crowe, and Ann Caudill. Also present were Dale Bohanan and Karen Noggle. Not present: Kathy Bradley.

February minutes were accepted as published.

June Crowe reported that there were six jury entries that were close in scores. A Board decision was needed on these six entries. There were 16 yes votes and 21 no votes for a total of 37 applicants. June made a motion to accept 16 new members to the Guild. Kristine seconded the motion. The motion carried.

June also discussed that the Board needed to get everything worked out before the next Jury Fest (For example, two more tables are needed, containers that prospective new members bring their items in need to be labeled better, etc.) in order to make the jurying process run more smoothly.

Pat Fain reported on the budget. There needs to be a General Meeting of the membership scheduled in April in place of next Board meeting for the membership to approve the budget. Thirty-days' notice of the next meeting needs to be given to membership for a general meeting. Aleex has put in a code on invoices so there will be no confusion on entries made. June made a motion to accept budget and Pat Fain seconded. Motion carried.

Aleex will be given the go-ahead to print the bookmarks. There will be 13,000 bookmarks printed and available to hand out at the General Meeting and at the Spring show. Some can be left at the Alliance office in order for people to come and pick up.

It was discussed to possibly have Aleex talk at the General Meeting on how to market your business.

Gay Bryant reported on the status of the alliance of FCG and the Knoxville Tourism and Sports Corporation and said that things are going very well. She met with Lind Nelson and the KTSC has rearranged the shop and FCG will have its own area with a beautiful sign and a sign with the FCG logo on the window. It was voted to have our logo on the hangtags that accompany artists' work in the shop. KTSC is working with YeeHaw Industries to make hangtags for the FCG items that will be in the shop. It was also discussed that the Center will buy items outright from the craft artist, with 70% going to the artist and 30% to KTSC. Ann Caudill is working on getting craft demonstrators for Saturdays starting May 7 to June 24 from noon until 1 p.m. There will be advertising in Metro Pulse.

The Tennessee Valley Homecoming is developing well and the FCG will be involved June 17, 18, and 19, 2005. Karen Noggle wants to have all of the FCG booths together and our own security guard. It will start at the TVA Towers and will go through Market Square and on into Krutch Park. The KTSC wants Karen Noggle to be on the TVHC Advisory Board. They plan to move the Homecoming in 2006 to the Boomsday weekend and maybe change locations to the Worlds Fair Park or the riverside.

Ann Caudill reported on scholarships. There were two applicants for scholarships. A Scholarship Committee was formed with Jackie Mirzadeh and Karen Dotson being on that committee. Charlie Mead made a motion to accept these two members as the committee and it was seconded by Pat Fain. Motion carried. The Board will award \$150 maximum or up to 50% of a course's tuition for a scholarship. Gay Bryant made a motion to put \$1,100 of Friends money into Scholarships and Charlie Mead seconded. Motion carried.

It was also discussed that the class that an applicant wants to take needs to be in a recognized craft field and the applicant needs to have two letters of recommendation--one being from an art teacher and the other from a member of FCG. The letters and application need to be sent to the Board prior to the class. Also, the age limit was discussed and it was decided to leave it at 16 years or older. It was discussed that there needs to be a policy as to how many classes one could take within a certain amount of time. Kristine made a motion that one could not be granted a scholarship if you have received one within the past 3 years. Pat Fain seconded. Motion carried. The policies for scholarship application are being developed by the Scholarship Committee and will be posted to the web.

Karen Noggle reported on the Spring Show. There are a total of 34 booths and all booths are filled. The Rotarians are building a monument in part of the space where the show was last year and so the booths will have to be rearranged. Jack Martin (broom maker) said he would like to demonstrate but needs two booths to do so. It was discussed to use the grant money to pay for the demonstrators' booth and half of Jack Martin's booth.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that lettering being done on the doors at the Emporium

Building for \$8. It was decided to have this done.

FCG received a bill from 8 Shooters with two disks enclosed. Dennis McAvoy gave the disks to Charlie Mead and he promised to give them to Aleex.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Durr

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