

Foothills Craft Guild
Membership Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2009

Unofficial; pending board approval

The Foothills Craft Guild Board of Directors convened April 1, 2009, at 6 p.m. to interview two applicants for the position of Bookkeeper for Foothills Craft Guild. After the last applicant left, the Board meeting was called to order by Molly Durr, president. Present also were Jo Marie Brotherton, Robbie Gentry, Ann Caudill, Karen Noggle, Clay Thurston, and Gay Bryant. Absent were Jessica Dockery, Kathy Seely, and Dick McGee.

Dick McGee appointed (by email) **Karen Noggle** to cast his proxy vote. Discussion ensued after the last applicant left. Bookkeeper duties will include overseeing the credit card booth during the fall show. **Karen Noggle** discussed the additional personnel needed at the ticket window, and discussion will continue at a later date. **Ann Caudill** made a motion to hire **Jane Sharp** as the Guild bookkeeper. **Clay Thurston** seconded. A call of votes: 6 yea, 1 nay. Majority ruled; motion carried. **Jane Sharp** was selected as the Guild bookkeeper.

Next was the approval of the General Membership Meeting and Board Meeting minutes of February 2009. **Gay Bryant** pointed out there will be two General Membership meetings: the first in late May or early June for the General Membership Budget Meeting and the second in November at the Fall Show for the General Membership Meeting. She also proposed changing the word 'director' to 'board membership' and in the board meeting minutes, change the word 'audit' to 'review.' After discussion, **Jo Marie Brotherton** made the motion to approve amended minutes; **Ann Caudill** seconded. A call of votes: 7 yea; motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was brought up by **Molly Durr** as she read an email by **Dick McGee**. The Guild has have delinquent membership dues and there was a question as to how to go about collecting. **Robbie Gentry** made the motion that the Membership Director should call each person personally. **Clay Thurston** seconded. A call of votes: 7 yea; motion carries.

Ann Caudill brought up a request for a Guild scholarship by **Karan Dotson**. Karan is wanting to take a class in silversmithing taught by **Don Norris** for \$200 at White Fox Bead Studio. A letter of recommendation was read. **Ann** read the bylaws, which stated that the scholarship "can be half the class fee or \$150, whichever is less." **Gay Bryant** made the motion to award **Karan Dotson** \$100; **Robbie Gentry** seconded. A call of votes: 7 yea; motion carries.

Gay Bryant discussed the membership website. She pointed out the PFP program for the members search is not working properly after editing the page and editing is time consuming and costly. She has posted the entire membership list for a general search. **Karen Noggle** suggested a search by name and by craft be implemented. All agreed this was a solution to the problem. **Gay** will edit the site pages to implement this static search feature and will get with **Jackie Mirzadeh** on providing updated membership rosters to routinely post on the site.

Karen Noggle reported on the Dogwood Arts Festival, April 17-19. Foothills will be represented in a booth on Market Square Mall demonstrating. April 17: **Tim Weber**, wheel-thrown clay and

Karen Noggle, leather sculpture. April 18: **Hugh Bailey**, clay; **Sheila Kriebel**, perfumery, and **Gay Bryant**, printmaking. April 19: **Pat Thomas**, silk painting, and **Denise May**, beadwork jewelry. Call **Karen** for more information 865-207-7710.

Previously, the Board voted by email to reimburse **Dick McGee** for an underpayment to **Aleex** and for a stipend for emergency bookkeeping services for the months of February and March 2009.

By email, **Jackie Mirzadeh** submitted these word changes (in **bold**) to the bylaws for clarification:

First, because the term "Guild year" isn't defined in the bylaws, and because a fiscal year change might confuse things (Feb versus July), I thought it better to clarify when the Standards Director recommends the new members.

ARTICLE XI, Section1c

(1) The Standards Committee shall consist of nine members of the corporation and the vice-president of the Board of Directors. Only juried members are eligible to serve on the Standards Committee. At the **beginning of each Guild year**, the vice-president shall recommend to the Board three members for appointment to the Standards committee. . . .

Change to:

ARTICLE XI, Section1c

(1) The Standards Committee shall consist of nine members of the corporation and the vice-president of the Board of Directors. Only juried members are eligible to serve on the Standards Committee. **By early February**, the vice-president shall recommend to the Board three members for appointment to the Standards committee. . . .

Second, and totally unrelated to the FY change, There's a section in the bylaws which was applicable at one time only (in 1991), and we could shorten the bylaws a bit by changing it from:

ARTICLE V, Board of Directors, Section 2d, Election

The directors shall be elected by the membership in October each year to take office the following February 1. **At the first election after the 1991 revision of these By-laws, the**

membership shall elect five (5) directors for staggered terms; four (4) directors currently serving on the board will remain as directors. Thereafter in all elections of theboard, directors shall be elected for three-year terms. No director may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Remove the wording in bold, and change to:

ARTICLE V, Board of Directors, Section 2d, Election

The directors shall be elected by the membership in October/November each year to take office the following February 1. Directors shall be elected for three-year terms.No director may serve more than two (2) consecutive

Robbie Gentry moved to accept the proposed changes to the bylaws and to present the changes to the Membership on May 6, 2009. **Clay Thurston** seconded. A call to vote: 7 yea; motion carried and will be presented at the Membership Meeting on May 6, 2009.

Clay Thurston discussed the membership newsletter that is received by email. **Robbie Gentry** said we should have a more professional format. There was a question that the newsletter could be reformmatted by servers' filters which could strip the newsletter to raw text and would change the format for different email recipients. **Molly** will ask **Jackie Mirzadeh** for ideas. **Robbie Gentry** asked to have a survey attached to the newsletter.

Molly Durr called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. **Ann Caudill** motioned to adjourn; **Robbie Gentry** seconded. A vote is called; 7 yea; motion carried.

Minutes recorded by Jo Marie Brotherton.