

Foothills Craft Guild  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2010

Meeting was held at the Foothills Craft Guild office, Emporium Center. President Robbie Gentry called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. The following board members also were present: Kathy Seely, Jim Gentry, York Haverkamp, Dick McGee, Clay Thurston, Molly Durr, Terri Cadman, and Jessica Kortz. Show Director Karen Noggle, and bookkeeper Jane Sharp were also present.

**Molly** moved to accept the January board meeting minutes. **Terri** seconded, and the minutes were approved.

**Dick** presented the Treasurer's report. He emphasized that it is critical to collect the budgeted amount of membership dues and friends donations to make sure that our operations budget will be met. Membership dues are due at the end of February and it is important to remind members to renew their membership.

**Robbie Gentry, Terri Cadman, Jessica Kortz, and Dick McGee** have filled out paperwork to be signatories on the FCG Regions Bank account for 2010.

Last month, **Dick** had proposed transferring \$4000 from general operations to a cash reserve account. He had suggested transferring the funds into our Vanguard money market account. **Jackie** and **Dick** researched the issue further after last month's meeting. They discovered that Vanguard money market accounts have not been supported by the US government since September 2009. **Dick** then contacted the bank that FCG currently uses, Regions Bank, to see what they could offer. Regions Bank does offer business money market funds but with a much lower return. **Dick** moved to have the board request the finance committee study and determine if we should move our funds from our two Vanguard money market accounts to two Regions Bank Business money market accounts. **Kathy** seconded the motion. **Terri** inquired about transferring the money into CDs instead. The motion carried.

**Jim** moved to accept the Treasurer's report. **Clay** seconded and the report was approved.

**York** moved to discuss the issue of credit card processing fees further. **Terri** seconded the motion. The laws have changed regarding adding additional fees to transactions paid with a credit card. It is now legal to add an additional fee when a customer pays with a credit card. A small additional fee could be charged when members pay for their booth fees by credit card. **Dick** would like to look further at data from last year's show before recommending a percentage to charge. The issue was deferred until next month.

**Robbie** reported on the results from the latest jury fest which was held earlier in the day. There were 29 applicants; 19 were accepted and 9 did not pass. One was disqualified for not submitting enough pieces. This person can re-jury in August without a fee if they choose.

**Robbie** moved for the board to accept the 19 new members. **Terri** seconded, and the motion carried.

**Terri** moved to discuss the idea of creating a jewelry subcategory for current members and applicants to jury into if they wish to sell jewelry in their medium. **Dick** seconded the motion. **Kathy** suggested waiving the jury fee for current members to re-jury into the jewelry subcategory. **Jim** was concerned that creating subcategories for jewelry may lead to creating subcategories for other media as well, and that the quality of everything presented for sale should be created to the highest standards in their medium.

**Terri** moved to reword the bylaws so that the board could not overturn a decision of the Standards Committee. **Dick** seconded the motion. The bylaw that it would affect would be Article 3, Section 3A. The motion was discussed and tabled. **Terri** will come up with wording for the bylaw change and present it to the board at the next meeting.

**Kathy** has the opportunity to purchase a copier/scanner/printer at a church rummage sale. It was agreed that the office could use a copier. **Kathy** moved to purchase a copier/scanner/printer for the guild for \$35 or less at the sale. **Clay** seconded, and the motion carried.

**Clay** presented a question to the board about digital photography standards. A photographer had inquired about the jury guidelines for digital photography. He creates large panorama photographs and does not own his own large-scale printer. **Clay** posed the question to the board of whether or not it would be okay if an applicant used borrowed equipment to create his work. It was agreed that it would be acceptable assuming the applicant had operated the equipment himself instead of having someone create the prints for him.

Guild Historian **Molly** has requested funds for several projects. She would like to preserve Tom Robinson's tatted American Flag and old FCG show posters under preservation glass. She would also like to purchase acid-free scrapbooks for preserving things like letters to the Guild. Shelving for the office is also on her wish list. **Terri** moved to give the Historian \$500 to use toward preserving items for the guild. **Kathy** seconded, and the motion carried.

**Molly** moved to adjourn the meeting and **Clay** seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm. The next board meeting is to be held on Wednesday, March 3, at 6:30 pm in the FCG office at the Emporium.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Kortz, Secretary