

Minutes: Foothills Craft Guild Board Meeting, February 7, 2006
Unofficial; pending board approval.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were Dennis McAvoy, Molly Durr, Ann Caudill, June Crowe, Bob Conliffe, Clay Thurston, Gay Bryant and Cutter Watkins. Also present: Dale Bohanan. Minutes from the last meeting were accepted.

Budget: Dale reported that she added the Artists Relief Fund and the Artists Profile categories to the budget report. It was voted to cut the Artists Profile in half from \$1000 to \$500. It was suggested to have a box at the fall show in order to donate money for the Artists Relief Fund.

Dennis will ask the membership at the meeting on February 28 if there is anyone who would like to volunteer to help with writing grants. Gay suggested that we might possibly partner with the Children's Museum regarding grants.

It was voted to go ahead with Jerry L. Tipton, CPA, to do the audit review for the Guild. It was also voted to put another \$5,000 in the savings account.

Molly Durr made a motion to accept the budget; Bob Conliffe seconded. The motion passed.

Scholarships: Ann Caudill said that there had been one applicant, Eiko Travaglini, for a scholarship for basket making. The course costs \$95. After reviewing the letters of recommendation and her application it was voted to award her a scholarship for \$42.50. Ann will send the information to Dale. Ann also requested that there be one more person to work with her on Scholarships.

Jury Fest: Jury Fest will be held on February 25. Members nominated to be on the Standards Committee are Carol Pritcher, Jo Marie Brotherton, George Groom, Hugh Bailey, Jane Flanagan, Wendy Seaward, Ann Caudill, Colette Souder and Bruce Brown. June suggested that there be alternates in case a regular committee member is not available. Clay Thurston volunteered to be an alternate for Photography and Bob Klassen for wood working.

Volunteers are still needed to be at the office to accept items for jurying the week of February 13-17. We also need volunteers for afterwards (March 1, 2, and 3) for applicants to pick up their items.

Cutter Watkins made the motion to accept the new Standards Committee as nominated. Molly Durr seconded. Motion was passed.

Commission booths at the Fall show were discussed. Should they be done away with or kept? One third of the booths at the show are commission. It was finally decided that guild members doing commission sales **must** use the Guild's receipt book and, if they do not, will be charged the full booth fee and will not be eligible for future commission booths. Changes should be made for this on the contract. June Crowe made a motion to accept this change. Cutter Watkins seconded. Motion passed.

Jack Avent would like to apply to the guild in the category of digital photography, which the guild does not yet recognize. Clay Thurston was asked to come up with some guidelines and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Gay Bryant reported on a possible spring show at Pellissippi State in 2007. She has approached the people in charge and they seem in favor of it but it is still under discussion. It was suggested that possibly Karen Noggle could go to talk with them.

Bob Conliffe talked about the Tennessee Arts Association wanting to set up a gallery in West Knoxville and that they would like to come talk to the Guild about this. Bob will find out more information and details before they come to talk.

Kathy Bradley's resignation was accepted.

Gay Bryant asked that the board move on the copyright statement that was drafted and revised. It will be resent to the board for approval and if approved, sent to membership and will be placed on the Guild application blank and on the show contract.

The annual membership meeting was discussed and plans were made. It will be held on Tuesday, February 28, at 6:30 pm at the Emporium Building. The proposed budget will be presented to the membership at that time. New members will be introduced and hopefully their work can be shown that night in the Guild office. Cutter Watkins will demonstrate the Artist Profile on the web feature. A notice will be sent by email and cards to those with no email with details of the meeting. Everyone is asked to bring some snack food.

The dates for the fall show are November 10, 11 and 12.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Durr