

Foothills Craft Guild
General Membership Meeting
November 16, 2008
Unofficial; pending board approval

Meeting was held at the Jacob's Building during the fall show. The meeting was called to order by President Molly Durr at 9:15 am.

Molly announced that the board member election ballots would be counted on Wednesday and that winners would be announced through email.

Molly welcomed all of the guest artists to the show: **Kimberly Adams, Emily Allison, Morgan and Pat Fitch, David Glen, Laurey Faye Long, Alex Ludden, Mary Beth Mc Clure, Karen Metcalf, Ron Olson, Susan Parry, Julius Pratt, Doug Smith, Thomas Spake, Timothy Weber, and Tamela Wells.**

Five charter members were present for the show: **Bill Henry, George and Judy Kidd, Manya Pirkel, and Barbara Webb.** **Judy Kidd** announced that she and George and Barbara and Hugh Webb are the only members that have participated in every single Foothills fall show.

Molly thanked **Dick McGee** and **Pat Fain** and the other volunteers for running the office during the show.

Bill Alexander read an original piece of poetry.

Alice Fleenor, formerly of the Appalachian Quilt Trail project is now a director for the Knoxville Sports and Tourism Corporation. The KSTC is looking for Foothills artists to sell their work in their gift shop for 20% commission, as well as artists that would be interested in demonstrating on Fridays during the Blue Plate special.

Treasurer **Dick McGee** announced that the gate count as of Saturday night was 3000, which is 87% of last year's total gate. This year's show should have a higher gate count than last year.

Dick announced that membership dues will be increasing for 2009, \$45 for an individual member and \$90 for a center membership. Membership renewal information is included in each vendor packet. He reminded everyone that the bylaws state that members that have not paid their dues by March 15th must rejoin to rejoin the guild. He also announced that there will be no commission booths for the fall show in 2009.

PR director **Alex Conner** presented a fall show publicity report. Channel 6, B-97.5 and The Knoxville News Sentinel were our main sponsors this year. **Larry Burger** was featured in a News Sentinel article on Friday. He stated that many people that came by his booth said that they found out about the show through the article.

Show Director **Karen Noggle** announced that she needs a volunteer to run the fall show Marketplace next year.

Karen thanked members for helping with the show:

Kathy and Barry Byrd for making and hanging all of the booth signs

York Haverkamp for the outdoor signs

Amy Armstrong for decorations

Holly Perrin and Loren-Marie Durr for tending to the member's lounge

Karen Davis for providing soup

Karen Dotson for providing local music CDs for the show, getting each musician's permission

The **Appalachian Arts Craft Center** for providing the kid's craft booth again this year

Pat Bing announced that over 80 people, including adults, had participated in the kid's craft booth yesterday alone.

Karen explained that there is a slip at the bottom of the artist's sales reports that can be torn off for an entry in a drawing for \$75 off a fall show booth in 2009.

Randy McCurdy suggested that Foothills should have a booth at the Homecoming at the Museum of Appalachia in October 2009 to promote the fall show.

Membership Director **Kathy Bradley** announced that she is working on a membership directory for 2009. She would like to be notified about any changes in addresses or emails.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Dockery
Secretary