

**Foothills Craft Guild
Board Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2005**

Meeting was held at FCG office, Emporium Bldg. **Gay Bryant**, called meeting to order at 6:45 pm. Board members present: **Dennis McAvoy; June Crowe; Gay Bryant; Charlie Mead; Pat Fain, Molly Durr; Kristine Taylor; Kathy Bradley**. Also, present **Karen Noggle; Dale Bohanan and Aleex Connor**. Not present: **Ann Caudill**.

August board meeting minutes were accepted as published on the web page.

Cutter Watkins and Jeff Paar gave a presentation on the Member Profiles pages they have been working on for the web site. There are 16 FCG members signed up at this date. They are planning to have a demonstration set up at the Fall Show for members to see what the site will look like. Some suggestions were made by the board for some changes including consistent backgrounds and a consistent look to all the pages.

Aleex Connor gave a report on promotions that are under way for the Fall Show. She has gained approval for the entrepreneur spots that were done last year in the *News Sentinel*. She will be contacting FCG members to participate.

Karen Noggle reported on the Fall Show. She has the booth setup completed. She will talk to corporate sponsor B97.5 regarding music for the Show. There are 14 members in the Central Marketplace. The credit card booth will be located in the extra office area opposite the ticket sales. She has one person on the waiting list for a booth. The board members will review the Show contract and will suggest any changes for the 2006 contract at the October board meeting.

Karen also reported that she had 21 members interested in the House and Garden Show. She would go ahead with plans to do that show as outlined by the DAF House and Garden committee.

Kristine and Dale handed out copies of the treasurer's report.

Gay Bryant gave a report on the collaboration of FCG and the Knoxville Tourism and Sports Corporation (KTSC). KTSC's gift shop, Uniquely Knoxville, located at One Vision Plaza on Summit Hill and Gay Street, is the only retail outlet for the FCG. KTSC pays 70% of the retail price for items of Foothills. KTSC currently identifies Foothills with interior signage and special tags. To sell work in the gift shop, members should make appointments with Fiona McAnally at 523-7263.

Standards Committee: June reported that some of the members of the committee were unable to attend jury-fest and the committee meetings. Dennis asked her to suggest some new members to serve on the committee and it would be discussed at the next board meeting.

Pat Fain reported that she is researching several sources for grants and will continue to research and report to the board.

Charlie suggested that a proposal be written for FCG to become ETACA. Pat made a motion that the President of TACA be invited to the January board meeting to answer

questions regarding the partnership; Gay seconded. Charlie stated that he would again follow-up.

Kristine stated that she had set a date of December 2 for the reception for the Friends to be held at the FCG office in the Emporium building. The board would plan the reception at the October board meeting.

Dennis suggested that a newsletter be published before the Fall Show. Kathy said items for the newsletter should be to her no later than the October 4 board meeting and the newsletter would go out by the October 15.

Dennis stated that it is time to appoint a nominating committee and he would do that before the next board meeting. The ballots will go out in October and the new board members will be announced at the Annual Meeting held during the Fall Show.

Dennis adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm. The next board meeting to be held on October 4 at the FCG office.

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Bradley