

Foothills Craft Guild
General Membership Meeting
February 27, 2008

Unofficial; pending board approval.

Meeting was held at the Emporium Building. The meeting was called to order by President **Molly Durr** at 6:30 pm.

Molly introduced the rest of the current board: Jessica Dockery, Jo Marie Brotherton, Cutter Watkins, Clay Thurston, Ann Caudill, Gay Bryant, Dick Mc Gee, and Kathy Bradley. She also introduced PR Director Aleex Conner, Show Director Karen Noggle, and bookkeeper Dale Bohanan.

Jo Marie reported about Juryfest and introduced our new members. Eight new members and two existing members have been accepted this year. They include **Becky Ramsey**--wood, **Pat Thomas**--paper and fiber, **Ronald Geibel**--clay, **Vicki Kinser**--metal, **Shelia Kriebel**--natural materials, **Ann Lacava**--jewelry, **JoAnn Marie**--jewelry, and **Bob Meadows**--natural materials. Two existing members also juried into new categories: **Kent Van Cleave**--lotions and lip balms and **Allison Schaffer**--clay.

Treasurer **Dick McGee** presented the proposed 2008 budget. Expenditures for 2008 have been slightly decreased because less revenue was brought in last year than anticipated. **Dick** proposes to create a cash reserve account for money needed at certain times of the year and a cash flow account for monthly expenses. **Gay Bryant** moved to accept the budget and **Cutter Watkins** seconded. The motion carried.

Molly spoke about the Artist General Relief fund. So far, \$665 has been collected to help FCG potter **Shadow May** who lost his studio and equipment due to a fire in January. Donations are still being collected for Shadow and for the Artist General Relief Fund.

Two life memberships were awarded. They included **Bill Lett** and **Hugh Webb**.

Karen spoke about the second annual spring show at Pellissippi State May 16-18. So far about 23 booths have been filled. New members were encouraged to apply. Non-member guest artists may be invited fill booth spaces if the show is not full.

Aleex reported about the fall show. She is researching creative ways to advertise due to the limited advertising budget this year. A flat postcard will be created instead of a fold-over brochure and a bookmark.

Aleex is also in charge of the Friends of the Foothills program. She reported that about \$2,800 has been raised so far. She has also created a new category, Gallery Friend. Gallery Friend donations will go towards purchasing a piece of a FCG member's work for our permanent collection.

Cutter asked all members to make sure that their contact information is up to date. He also reminded members about creating a profile page for the website.

Molly adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Dockery
Secretary