

GLPG Board Meeting 4/23/2003 at 1:00 pm in the Guild Clean Room.

Present: Barb Hranilovich, Madhu Anderson, Deb Cole, Paul Stokstad, Tim Sime, Charlie Seebeck, Judith Fleishman, Barb Sears, Liz Meyers (Zoom). Absent: Sara Laitala, Bill Guerin

Approve February '23 and March '23 financial reports

The Board unanimously approved those reports.

Approve February minutes

The Board unanimously approved the February minutes.

Budget for FY 2023-24 and 2024-25

Madhu Anderson, Treasurer presented a projected two year budget - FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25. Anticipated revenue from Guild dues are based on the assumption of 29 members, 6 emeritus members, and 4 Visiting Potters. Projected budget also includes hiring a CPA to file taxes and help the Treasurer with general bookkeeping tasks. This would be approximately \$500 /year. Madhu has been working successfully with an accountant at Eastside Accounting in Haslett. Energy costs have also increased and the new budget will reflect this development. Future clay and chemical supply prices are also expected to rise in the coming months. Currently these increases are unknown.

Mail Chimp is budgeted under advertising.

Our Capital Account balance after the kiln expenditures will be about \$10-15000.

Board unanimously approved the budget.

Facilities

Barb Sears volunteered to gather information about getting a water softener to improve plumbing problems the Guild. The projected expense for this could be as much as \$5000.00

Kiln rebuild

Work on the kiln rebuilds should begin around Monday, May 7th. Tim Candy will be on-site person for the Guild and will coordinate Guild work crews. Barb Sears will be the point person for obtaining the appropriate dumpster. The Board thanks Paul Stokstad for providing free room and board to our kiln builder Donovan Palmquist and his assistant for at least part of their stay in East Lansing.

Education

Education committee proposed raising class fees from \$275 to \$295 starting in 2024. The Board discussed it and unanimously approved raising fees to \$300. The Board unanimously approved rescinding the COVID restrictions on student use of the clean room. Students will now be allowed access to refrigerator and clean room. The Board discussed how to take payments from students. Currently require checks. Madhu recommended we switch to an online payment system such as PayPal.

Tim Sime - Pot pricing methods

Tim Sime has volunteered to head up an ongoing Guild discussion on how best to price pots. He has been following a Facebook group that discusses pot pricing. Consensus on that group is to charge \$35 for a mug. One method some people on this Facebook group recommend for pricing larger pots is to charge \$12 for each pound of clay used to make a piece. It was suggested all Members/VPs charge at least \$25 per mug at future sales.

Electric glaze committee

Sara Laitala is interested in restarting the electric glaze committee That will be added to the committee preferences list.

Red Book

Barb Hranilovich needs help converting the final draft the Red Book into 'Word'. The Board thanks Paul Stokstad for volunteering to do this.

New Board candidates

Ted Rozeboom, Wendi Tilden, Pamela Timmons, Mike Hamm, Wenfen Pan and Geoff Gamble have agreed to put their names forward to run for the Board. The Board thanks these 6 candidates for volunteering.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45.