

Greater Lansing Potters' Guild
Board Minutes
January 5, 2017, 7 pm
Approved Feb. 18, 2017

Present: M. Anderson, G. Gamble, B. Guerin, S. Laitala, W. Pan, T. Rozeboom, M. Steinkamp, J. Witter and C. Seeback (ex-officio) Absent: D. Cole

1. November 17, 2016 minutes approved.

2. Officer Reports

a. President:

- i. Bill summarized key points made at the Ellen Rosewall workshop on November 18 and by MSU students in their presentation about the Guild on December 6, 2016. Bill plans to meet with the original liaison group (Meyer, Steinkamp, Oxer, Seebeck, Guerin) and any others who are interested to decide on items to pursue further and those to drop.

b. Vice President. No illnesses; no cards or follow up.

c. Secretary. No report

d. Guild Director: No report

e. Treasurer

- i. Ted confirmed that the Guild's tax ID number is 23-7088479 and that it is correct on various state and federal reports/papers relating to the Guild
- ii. The Mi Dept of Treasury erroneously billed the Guild for withholding tax. Ted researched the situation and had it corrected.
- iii. Preparation of 1099s for Guild members is underway. Ted will contact members soon for their social security numbers. The completed forms will be distributed to members no later than January 31, 2017 for use in preparing 2016 state and federal income tax returns.

3. Committee Reports

a. Clay

- i. Winter term students will be offered a choice of Laguna 850, B-mix or porcelain.
- ii. Current boxed clay has been judged by the clay committee and Bill to be appropriate for throwing. If too stiff for some, students will be given instructions for softening the clay and given recycled clay to use while the clay is softening. If necessary teachers/CAs will soften some boxed clay on the spot.

b. Finance

1. Ted will deliver independent review reports to Madhu this week

c. Glaze

1. As reported by Deb Cole to the membership, a lot of work has been done by the glaze committee resulting in new glaze bucket sizes, colors and updating of the glaze-sample boards. Tweaking will be done to the updated system as necessary.

d. Membership

1. Christenson, Brodbeck and Fitzgerald have elected limited emeritus status for 2016-2017.
2. At the beginning of each fiscal year emeritus members will be given the opportunity to choose between “regular” (dues-paying) or “limited” (no dues) emeritus status.
3. Space for 2017-18 VPs was discussed. Information will be shared with the membership committee.
4. Should a larger-than-usual number of vps be selected it was suggested that the membership committee consider having some of the production skill training be done in groups to lighted the load for liaisons.

4. Unfinished Business

a. Points Purchase Policy

- i. The current points-purchase policy and several alternate options were discussed. There was consensus that a new policy designed to reward input rather than output (work vs. production) is most appropriate for the Guild. Bill will draft such a policy for further consideration at the next Board meeting.

5. Next Meeting; Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 10:20 am

6. Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Joan Witter, secretary