

GLPG Board Meeting

July 16, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Present: Sara Laitala, Pamela Timmons, Wenfen Pan, Paul Stokstad, Sophie Wang, Mike Hamm, Sunny Wilkinson, Maureen Nelson, Barb Sears

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes from the June Board meeting

Facilities update (Barb)

Barb is continuing to work on getting quotes for the installation of a tankless water heater. The shed has been having trouble with sand getting washed in; Barb has reviewed solutions. Barb is also planning to redo the labeling on the mailboxes.

Wax (Pamela)

We've been having problems with the wax. Laguna wax, which is easy to get, is \$44 a gallon. It seems to flake off bisque, but is good over glaze. Penguin wax is \$140 a gallon. The purple wax is also close to \$140 a gallon. Pamela will order a half gallon of Penguin wax. She will also pick up some other waxes at Runyan, and we will test them.

New kiln project update (Mike)

Both donors want to donate stocks. Madhu, Ted, and Mike have been moving forward with setting up an investment account for the stocks to be transferred into; once received, the stocks will be immediately sold. We are hoping to have the \$110,000 at the Guild in about two weeks.

Mike has been working with two people at Bailey regarding the suitability of our flue and regarding spacing issues. We have until the beginning of August to get orders in with the existing kilns. Both the electric and the gas will use the 12x24 advancer-type shelves. We'll get a set for each.

Clay prices

The Board discussed the price of recycled clay and agreed to keep it at \$10 for both members and students, as decided in the previous meeting.

Committee discussion

The Board discussed a variety of issues related to the existence and staffing of Guild committees and the distribution of Guild work among members. The Board particularly discussed the long-term planning committee, whether it should continue to be a standing committee or should become an ad-hoc committee, and how it should be staffed. The Board also considered how many committees each person should be on and how many members each committee needs. No action was taken, and the Board agreed to discuss these issues further.

Next Board meeting

The Board scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.