

NH Potters' Guild 6/17/2023 Meeting

Al Jaeger's house

Board Meeting 1pm

Board Meeting

Greetings and Intros

Secretary's report: last meeting notes were not posted. Claire will transcribe them from handwritten notes Andy got from someone.

Treasurer's report: changes one of the CDs in February to get a higher apy 3.85. currently offering one at 5% for 9 months for amounts over. The board agreed to put 20K into a 5% CD for 9 months.

Kiln Committee

Empty Bowls

Social Media Report

Biennial Planning

Old business: Election of new officers

New Business - Award sponsorship for Art, Craft and Design:

- Best in Functional Ceramics
- Best in Cultural Ceramics

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Wren questions: 2024 Biennial Planning - what does it involve? finding a venue, how are labels created? people fill out an application online and it populates a spreadsheet then labels are printed. There is also a folio with artist bios. Maybe Ava gallery in Lebanon.

Social media - Who is in charge? Rebecca and Pam. Pam does the newsletter.

Tent at the fair: set up is August 4, tear down the 14th.

By laws - says something about educating high school and middle school students, when it should be more general

Discussion on revising by-laws.

General meeting 2:22

Greetings and Intros: Andy Chair, Claire co-chair, Kathy Kriegel treasurer, Rebecca hillman, Kurt Heinzman, Eric Maglio, Frank Mcguinn, Lydia Gray, chair of kiln committee, Barbara Sorce, Al Jaeger lived here for 54 years. jJsh Kurt's son from Maine. Wren director of ceramics at Kimball Jenkins, Marcia at Kimball Jenkins, Lil Bailey, Wendy Jackson, Hiromi Satoh, Linda Fletcher HS art teacher, Ig Wentling, Patsy Belt.

Secretary's report: last meeting notes were not posted. Claire will type them up and get them to Pam
Treasurer's report: attached. 59 members. Any questions?

Goose bay gave us lumber and a 25% discount. They forgot to charge us so Andy contacted them and they thanked him for being honest.

Kiln Committee: Date set for next phase of construction. July 8 at 9:30. Raise the remaining trusses and hopefully get some roofing up. We'll see how it goes then determine when we need another work day. Then we'll plan the wood sheds. Firing next weekend in conjunction with the wood firing conference. Working with UNH to do a firing with guild members and some students as guests. Discussion on policy

for working with students. A member would talk with the class in advance to increase interest and enthusiasm. If a student isn't interested much, they can put one pot and not work a shift. More interested students can put a dozen pots in. Thinking of a mentor system where a member pairs up with a student. Revisited wood policy - separate wood piles for open and closed firings. Closed ones had to supply their own wood. Hard to keep track of whose wood was whose. whether it is open or closed, obligated to cut and stack wood for a future firing. Fee raised to \$650. Fundraising - need up to another 20K above the existing 19K. Bricks on order are 17K. Eric thinks we have enough shelves and could possibly make posts by cutting shelves. we need to make the wood sheds and finish the groundwork around the area. Looking for donations of cement bricks. Have bricks on order, but it isn't complete yet. 17K of bricks. Linda Fletcher made a motion to approve 19K money for bricks. Second by Lydia, motion passes. The kiln fund is money from fundraising and donations, not firings. Once we use the raised money, will we be able to tap into the general fund. two possibilities: finding another partner for a kiln opening and exhibition. Kelley Stelling does not want to do it again. Maybe do something every kiln opening. Working with the League to see if they will help publicize it. Maybe something at the Sunapee tent to raise funds. Maybe an online auction? Maybe have artists with work in the kiln sells some work and give a percentage to the fund. Direct mailing via the USPS. Rebecca will find out information about that. Maybe hire a PR firm. We lost the most experienced fundraiser member. Date for September firing pending.

Empty Bowls: Wren is now part of that committee. Kimball Jenkins will host in the fall. Maybe october depending on wood firing date. Sharm leader of project story that work out of concord with students who are low income, bilingual get free after school programming and food, etc. Could have the kids go to Kimball Jenkins to make bowls then to help make soup. Will set up a schedule this summer for members to visit KJ to make bowls and/or artists can donate bowls they make on their own. Motion by Kathy, that the guild pays for the usage fee to Kimball Jenkins - clay, firing, and glaze. seconded and modified by Wendy. Motion passes. Empty bowls event October 21 weekend will confirmation by Wren. date to make bowls next.

Social Media Report: Nothing

Biennial Planning: talked about it during the directors meeting.

Old business: Election of new officers

Wren nominated for chair, Linda for co chair. Claire as recording secretary. Al commenting on Andy being with the Guild for many years. He helped build the original kiln, and has been a friend who has made a difference in many peoples' lives.

New Business - Award sponsorship for Art, Craft and Design: They sent a letter implying that donors have upped their donations.

Motion al, second to Kurt. question why not increase it. It is nice enough. Does it include the sculpture garden also? There is a third ceramic award that is awarded by someone else. motion passes.

- Best in Functional Ceramics
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Kathy will write a check and a letter will be sent.

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Christina Bellinger from the nominating committee is a librarian and would like to do that. Get documents to her.

Tent at the fair - Wren got a contract from the League. She will be there all 9 days. There will be two sections of the kiln - one for wheels and handbuilding The league is providing all of the clay. Also they will have tables and buckets and chairs. There will be a sign up. two or three people in the tent all the time. 20-30 minutes experience, no firing. The handbuilding area will have air dry clay that Rachel will secure. wheel throwing for ages 13 or up. Handbuilding will be all ages if accompanied by adult. Have some kind of timing. possibly have a donation process either right there or a QR code to go to web page to donate. Will look into banner. Andy will look for the banner in his garage.

Al has Bear paw fliers to hand out.

Next Meeting at Sunapee not really a meeting. Potluck at Sunapee State Park Beach. August 10th 5:30

Adjourned:

3:53pm