

NH Potters Guild General Meeting Notes November 5, 2023

Claire Provencher's Home
255 Orange Street Manchester NH

2:20 PM

Present: Wren chair, Linda Fletcher co chair, Ronald Merrimack potter. Sybylla and he are selling their studio materials. Ronald expressed his appreciation as the recipient of best utility piece at the craftsmens fair. Sybylla taught at the institute for years. Frank McGuinn from Orange, MA. Marcia at Kimball Jenkins - biennial committee, Meadows Madsen at Kimball Jenkins, Kurt, Patsy Belt, Dublin makers space, Christina Bellinger, archivist, purple sage. cbellinger7864@gmail.com. Rebecca Hillman - rebeccahillman@maine.rr.com best email to use for her. Lydia Gray, Chair of kiln committee, Al Jaeger Deerfield, Sibylla has a box of cones. Kathy Kriegel, Treasurer, Lil Bailey from Concord, focused on wood firing. Barbara Sorce - kiln project manager, Claire Provencher, recording secretary.

- Treasurer's report
 - Checking balance: \$28,871.81, 12 month CD: \$10,254.44. Kiln fund is \$19,323.59. Talked about a second CD, but put it off because of the need to pay for the bricks.
- Kiln Committee business
 - Fundraising and costs of materials: at the last meeting 19k was budgeted for bricks and delivery. Barbara: with shipping and freight quote from two weeks ago 12,500.60 from larkin refractory. Foundation bricks for new kiln, will use other bricks we have. Two to three weeks is hopefully when the delivery will happen. We have someone who will help with the drop. There are other expenses associated - 300 for a steer skid, cement blocks from Lowe's where we have an account and low delivery fee. Pay the workshop lead people. Is that considered part of the 19 already allocated? Change the description so it is just

not “bricks”. Barbara says we’ll also need money for wool, so perhaps keep the supply money separate from the people money. Try to have a complete list of what we need by the January meeting and ask for more money. Linda made a motion to approve payment to two kiln builders in the total \$5,000. Second by Wren. Question: how was that number arrived at? Time taken off their jobs. Eric and Belinda are anticipated. Unanimous vote affirmative.

- Dates: Last firing in the old kiln the last weekend of April. Tentative 5 day weekends, four of them, for working on the kiln. Can come for any one of those 5 days- Friday to Tuesday ideally starting in May. When we get an idea of how many guild members, then we can extend to the NE wood firing group. Show of hands who could plan to help on work days, including bringing food. Most hands went up for one or both. Will plan work weekends every weekend in May. Port o potties? Want to get the dates firmed up in time for the next newsletter. Linda has a question - postcards used to go out to people. Who would do that? Maybe also send a letter of non profit donation. Questions about whether people should bring food for others, or for themselves, or catered? Barbara needs an assistant. A communication assistant for example. Think about it and discuss at the next meeting. The roof ridge needs to be put up.
- Wood

Insurance

- General Liability Insurance for 11/10/23-24. Andy sent his regards, but sent Wren a reminder about the insurance renewal. It is the same policy. Wren and Kathy will make sure it gets taken care of. Lydia said that some students and teachers asked about liability insurance. Yes, we are. Discussion to post the insurance basics at the kiln site.
- Option to quote for the shed and kilns - inspections required
- Need (digital) signature

- Empty Bowls

- Profit break down: Profit break down \$2,165. Expenses 500 for space, 100 for ladles, cups, apple cider. Donation is \$1,565. Project Story. 644 cash, 910 Venmo, 180 checks, 430 in credit cards. Discussion on linking Square and/or Venmo to the NHPG bank account. There are a lot of bowls left over stored at KJ for the next event.
- Reflection and notes for next year. Same location next year, if its the same place, newer time 11-2. Reach out to more people for more varieties of soup. Raffle alone made over \$800. Meeting there in September can drop off pots.
- Committee: if anyone would like to be on the committee. There is a kitchen there, Wren brought pots, people brought crock pots of soup.
- Project Story was the recipient of the donations. The friendly kitchen donated the soup and got some food donations in return.

- Biennial Event

- 2024 show will be at Kimball Jenkins in roughly September. Committee is Marcia, Wren, Meadows. All from KJ. Marcia wants to approach other galleries to be a host. (Discovery Gallery in Portsmouth, League Headquarters in Concord)
- Choose opening night/show dates: September to October 2024. Show can be up for Empty Bowls. Show will be mostly in the Mansion. Registration fee for up to two pieces.
- Themes: will send out a survey to get ideas for the theme soon. Political Theme? Hands on Earth? Just Clay? Clay Mug half full? Earth, Fire, Water, Air? Justice Clay?
- Have a form for artists to fill out their own label info, make it go into a spreadsheet to print.

- Welcome packet
 - Meadows Madsen and Hannah Bunnell are working on a digital welcome packet to send to all new guild members with resources and information about the Guild.
 - Newsletter - Updated format: Maybe add a member spotlight to the new newsletter.
 - Add PDF to web page in addition to sending it out to new members. Meadow's address: meadows@kimballjenkins.com
- Next January: 21 or 28th (snow day) League headquarters
- March 10 - Kimball Jenkins
- June 30? At al's?
- Thursday, August 8th at Sunapee
- Septemer at KJ?

Workshops ideas for future meetings or separate from meetings and maybe for fundraisers.

Adjourned: 3:38.