

**NH Potters' Guild Meeting
November 20, 2022
Claire Provencher's home**

Present: Rin (new to NH), Andy Hampton (Chair), Wendy Jackson, Diane Lane, Claire Provencher (co-Chair), Pam Nowell (website, newsletter, email), Kathy Kriegel (Treasurer), Lydia Grey, Frank McGuin (sp?), Don Williams, Patsy Belt, Al Jaeger, Samantha Boisvert (new), Linda Fletcher, Barbara Sorce, Belinda Bodnar, Eric Maglio, Selinda S (sp?), Don Wood (builder and soon to be member helping with kiln construction), Lil Bailey, Rebecca Hillman, Karen Jonash(sp?).

Chair Andy Hampton called the meeting to order at 2:25pm.

Recording Secretary's Report (Jen Marmanrud, not present)- Minutes from the June meeting at Al's are not on the website. Pam Nowell did not receive them from Jen. She will look into that.

Treasurer's Report (Kathy Kriegel): Kathy communicated with the board about an insurance increase to cover buildings and liability. The board approved the increase. The insurance company did some investigating of our website and upon seeing shooting flames coming from the kiln, they decided to withdraw all coverage. A new company was found, but the increase is \$500 per year. **Al made a motion to approve the additional insurance spending. Pam second. Motion passed.**

The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Communications Secretaries report(Pam Nowell and Rebecca Hillmann)

1. Revamping the Membership Dues renewal Form (to include a revamp of forms w a page or two? For checking options regarding the adding of links to that member business? Personal information ie website, contact info)

a.for members only page, b. available to the public., c. This would include creating a member only intake form and a public viewing intake form for the NHPG Website

2. Would like to reiterate the time sensitivity for all separate committees' communications to get up onto our various platforms.ie. Website, newsletters, emails, FB pages...it's important for all involved in getting important dates, times of all events w calls to gatherings etc...ASAP! As dates and events are realized please cc to both Pamela Nowell and Rebecca Hillman (communications Secretaries) your agreed upon plan for timely distribution to our membership.

3. Events/work gatherings...we need the who, what, when, where, why, a link of how to get more info or sign up and who to contact, plus 3 photos for an event for us to put on the website. For example, A potluck might be food or a gathering in Al's garden. A wood prep kiln firing could be some pics from that. a fundraiser would need TBD to brand the event. And so on...

4. Communication Secretary request. Please! do your individual event write ups or requests for group shout outs. Write and send them as you wish them to be read w sent photos. We are not editors!

Biennial Report (Bonnie Hoyt, not present) Bonnie broke her arm the other day :-(. Liz Fletcher won the People's Choice Award at the Biennial.

Empty Bowls (Linda Fletcher) - nothing to report, still no plans for an event though Jen Markmanrud mentioned doing something with her students.

Kiln Committee (Lydia Grey) - They had a big meeting today, and a big year. The plan is to use the old kiln until the new one is completed. We plan to participate in the New England Woodfire conference next year. They created several committees including a kiln building workshop, work, building, fundraising and more. Tammy Ackerman has some great fundraising ideas and is willing to be in that committee, but would like help. Email Lydia lydiagre@verizon.net. Building update: Don Wood is a builder and is helping and said if you sign up to help, be specific about your skill - even if it's moving stuff. The committee will be having a Zoom meeting to set up specific deadlines for each stage of the building process. There will be a newsletter dedicated entirely to wood kiln news. Salmon Falls supplies purchase: Salmon Falls closed and is selling kiln brick to us. Andy went to see what they have and there is \$3000 worth of brick that we plan to get as well as anything else that might seem useful (furniture, shelves, etc) The plan is to go with a crew of 4-5 people on November 30 or Dec 1. Andy priced a UHaul truck rental. Al said his heavy equipment guy offered to go to Salmon Falls to have the pallets of brick loaded on a dump truck, then drive to Al's and use his skid fork equipment to unload for a total cost of \$500. There was discussion of having a waiver that members sign, either upon firing sign up, or even included with the membership application to cover all NHPG events.

Old Business:

Correspondence: Andy received a couple of thank you notes from the League Fair Awards.

Nominating committee: Andy will contact them about the upcoming openings and election.

New business:

Insurance on Kilns and Building: already discussed and voted on.

Sunapee Mentoring committee: Rebecca suggested a program where Guild members can shadow and assist members who are selling at Sunapee. The advantages would work both ways - the newer potter can get an inside look at the process of setting up and working the fair, and also lend assistance to the booth holder. Wendy Jackson spoke of a program that the League is organizing with or piggy backing off of that is based in Maine and culminated with a show at Watershed.

January Public Meeting date and location: Claire will communicate with Rachel Montroy at the League Headquarters in Concord to see if the dates of January 15 or 22 are available.

4:15 Ish Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Claire Provencher