

NHPG Meeting June 30, 2024

Board meeting and Kiln Committee meeting: 1 - 2 pm

General Meeting 2 - 4 pm

Location: Al Jaeger's House, Deerfield NH Linda, Wren, Pam and Kathy

Board Meeting Agenda

- Treasurer's Report
 - Current CD to be pulled out and deposit or renewed back into the CD
 - 93 people and $\frac{1}{3}$ are new this year registered
 - Tshirts could be made to order online - Pam will look into it further
 - Contest to pick a new design?
 - Join Square for ease of payments
 - Link them to the new email accounts
 - Wren will continue work on creating a Venmo Account
- Correspondence Committee Report
 - Members get newsletter
 - If unpaid for 2 years + they are demoted to only receiving public events and notices
 - 501C3 status confirmed, Pam needs help from Hannah
 - 936 followers up! Up from about 300 (Facebook primarily)
 - Hannah has added to Socials and will continue to add and post
- Review of revised Bylaws
 - Election take place in November
 - New winners in to start in January
 - Nomination committee (3 people at least) must be 3 months ahead of time (none can be board members)
 - Send out as a separate thing after our meeting today
 - Linda will write out a description
- Other community events to be voted on
 - Sound and Color Event
 - Downtown Concord, NH
 - October
 - Sell work, demos, interactive elements, opportunities for stipends
 - Chamber can pay for supplies Ask Cara if independent Artists could come and sell work independently
 - October 20th
 - Empty Bowls
 - Rebecca volunteer Soup
 - Volunteers
 - Friendly Kitchen

General Meeting Agenda

Attendance:

Linda, Wren, Al, Eric, Belinda, Emily, Barabra, Kathy, Patsy, Lil Bailey, Hiromi Sato, Wendy, Pam, Frank, Lydia, Ashley, Helena, Emily, Jaleel, Jan "Durand" and her husband, Ellen, Carol Spindelle, Lauren Dadmon, Allie (from Purple Sage studio), Bess

- Approval of previous minutes
 - Check
- Treasurer's Report
 - Accepted by group
- Correspondence Committee Report
 - Developing a continuous system for board members
 - Over 900 facebook followers and 600 on instagram
 - Lydia proposes google drive to upload pictures
 - Lil reminds us to date photos as much as possible to help keep accurate records
 - Idea to show kiln build timelapse movie with an event to bring money
- Approval Vote of revised Bylaws
 - Linda reviewed some of the minor changes that were made
 - Reelection rules were reviewed
 - Accepted by whole group
- Kiln Committee Report
 - New Kiln Progress!
 - Asking for 5,000 more to the kiln build on top of the 2500
 - If we buy wood a year in advance, it can dry. Maybe we can purchase a stock pile of wood
 - We need to build a wood shed
 - Kathy proposes an operating budget for the wood as an "operating budget" but the kiln build can take money from the CD
 - Approved to give 5000 to the Kiln build extra
 - Will be sending out by email dates
 - 2 more work days
 - 19 (end early) ,20,21
 - Pick up where we ended today
 - Chimney, remove some of the framework inside
 - 26, 27, 28
 - More buttressing and capping mix and steel work, site work
 - Best to have lots of volunteers
 - The new kiln will be more work and time to fire, but we are using a versatile tool that can be fired in multiple ways (3 different ways)
 - Scheduling firing in Fall for the first one with pots September 7th and 8th - Firing 13 - 16th and Unloading will be determined with Kelly Stelling Gallery to collaborate on an event
 - Must prepare the wood - 3 bundles (July 15th) to cut and prep

- Cost unknown currently, still being determined - will be forming another committee to create guidelines to firing the new kiln
 - What are the procedures? Create a system to ensure safety and equity
 - Firing schedule that continues from year-year to help plan and prepare
 - Next summer is the 2nd new england woodfire conference (june 18 - 28)
We would be one of the host kilns, people can sign up and fire or watch as an observer
 - Good way to build connections
 - We made some money from participants, potential fundraiser
 - Trevor Youngberg - would love to invite him to see our kiln
- Summer one will be the firing without pots
- New Business:
 - Announcements -Upcoming Events
 - League of NH Craftsmen Fair
 - August 3 - 11
 - Need more sign ups for volunteers
 - Biennial Show "Hands On Earth"
 - September 27th Opening
 - The application is open! It closes in August