

Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild Board Minutes

January 7, 2019 at Teresa Garland's home

Present: Anne Flora, Sharon McKenna, Teresa Garland, Helen Welford, Cindy Harris, Barb Schutzgruber, Michele Montour, Mary Valerie Richter, Laurie Jones, and Linda Girard

President - Anne Flora called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

- Anne will be out of town for the February Membership meeting and will ask VP Carol Fleischer to conduct it.
- Anne announced that Membership Committee members Linda Girard and Laurie Jones will resign effective May 2019, and she thanked them for their service. Anne asked that Board members think about replacements. She will ask for volunteers at the January 14th meeting.
- The deadline for the AAFG Professional Development Award applications is March 1st. The applications will be reviewed at the March 4th Board meeting and the successful applicant(s) will be announced at the March 11th meeting. Anne read Autumn-Grace Dougherty's email regarding the use of her grant. As the class at the Appalachian Craft was cancelled, she asked to use the grant for supplies and free-motion classes offered locally. The Board approved her request.

Programs/Workshops – Sharon McKenna announced this will be Fiber Feast's 25th year. Sharon would like to have a theme for this year's event and welcomes suggestions. The meeting programs for February and March have been switched. Terrie Voigt will present her program "Building a Fiber Art Wardrobe" in February, and Carrie Roberts program "Studying Ancient Color" will be presented in March.

Terrie Voigt's March workshop "Free Form Crocheted Sweater/Cape" will take place at Zion Lutheran Church. Sharon mentioned that she will schedule some workshops at Zion Lutheran Church as their fees are less expensive than Washtenaw Community College. There are some restrictions – rooms at Zion may be scheduled any time on Friday and Saturday, but rooms are available on Sunday after 12 Noon. Helen Welford volunteered the use of her barn for workshops in the warmer months. Sharon is in the planning stages of Minnesota artist Kelly Marshall's weaving workshop on March 6-8, 2020 that will be held at Washtenaw CC.

Treasury - Teresa Garland sent out detailed financial spreadsheets to Board members prior to the meeting. She went over some areas that the Board should discuss and mentioned Publicity as one area needing better funding. She mentioned that she anticipates a surplus at the end of the current year and asked that the Board think of ways to use that surplus. She asked each committee to prepare revenue and expense budget items for the 2019-20 year, and then forward the information to her. We will have a discussion to finalize the budget at the March Board meeting. Teresa is continuing to refine the Excel spreadsheets to make the information there clearer.

Exhibits –Chair Helen Welford reported that due to the retirement of Helen’s contact person, she is still waiting for a confirmation date for the April exhibit at Power Center. The committee (Anne MacKinnon and Cindy Harris) have received some applications for new exhibit jury members. They will meet shortly to discuss the applicants and will select the new members by the end of January. We must apply for the Cherry Hill exhibit in April for next year. We have been invited to exhibit at Silver Maples in Chelsea.

Holiday Sale - Barb Schutzgruber reported, in general, the Holiday Sale went pretty well. We made money on the 2018 sale. 400 prize slips were printed, 300 passed out and there was 230 replies. Barb felt that the Observer ad was worthwhile. 50% of the shoppers heard about the sale through a friend, and 15% saw the signs. There were 25 door prizes – 20 were hand-delivered and 5 were mailed. The shoppers loved getting additional prize tickets for every \$50 spent. Barb has the football schedule for the next five years. The sale date for 2019 is November 9th – unfortunately the Quilt Guild will not meet on that date. We had to change the date because the preferred date was the Saturday of the MSU-UM game in Ann Arbor. After reviewing the sales patterns, Barb recommended that the hours for the sale in 2019 be 10 AM – 4 PM. As always, we need to be flexible about set-up times. This year, the fashion show was problematic for us.

FAN (Fiber Arts Network) - President of the FAN Michele Montour reported the organization will probably dissolve. There was no exhibit this year as Brooks Harris Stevens did not participate as the required faculty sponsor. Michele and Cheryl Noonan declined to continue serving as president and treasurer. They will be shutting down the Website and Facebook page. There is an amount of cash to be handled and the FAN Board will

determine how the money should be earmarked. Michele will update us on developments.

Facebook and Website – Mary Valerie Richter announced we have hit a milestone on Facebook: we now have 1,017 followers! Mary and Liz created slideshows for the member page of the guild website of both the Cherry Hill and Power Center exhibits. Mary suggested that members receive information on important website changes via the Meeting Reminder. After some discussion, it was decided that Anne will continue to create the monthly Meeting Reminder and Sharon will send out website changes through Chimp Mail as needed.

Membership – Linda Girard and Laurie Jones reported we currently have 125 paid members. There are 20 past members who haven't renewed. Linda and Laurie mentioned that at the September meeting two extra people will be needed to help with membership renewal. Although they are both resigning, they will assist in the process.

The meeting was adjourned at around 8:15 PM.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday March 4, 2019 at Marla Smith's home.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Flora (filling in for Secretary Jan Frank)