

ANN ARBOR FIBERARTS GUILD BOARD MEETING

March 1, 2021

Via Zoom

Members Present - Anjanette Bunce, Carol Fleischer, Jan Frank, Teresa Garland, Kathy Giszczak, Cindy Harris, Sharon McKenna, Mary Valerie Richter, Trish Ritchie, Liz Ritter, Barb Schutzgruber, Marla Smith, Agnes Soderbeck, Nancy Staub, Betsy Szymanski Audra Wenzlow, Susan Widawski

President - Carol Fleischer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Moved Mary Valerie Richter, Second Trish Ritchie to approve the Board Minutes of January 4, 2021.

Approved unanimously.

Treasurer - Teresa Garland previously distributed the treasurer's report. There has been no change, except the addition to the membership - 88. The costs of the programs will be reported when they are finalized. Teresa cautions the Board about our finances this year with the lack of sale and fashion show income.

Programs and Workshops - Sharon McKenna distributed a written report. All programs are scheduled through May 2021 and Zoom presentations will be planned through December 2021.

Sales/Fiber Feast - The Morris Lawrence building will be closed beginning Jan. 2022 for renovations. The facility may not be open this fall. At this time, the 2021 Holiday Show is a maybe. A show has been scheduled for November 19, 2022. Fiber Feast for 2022 has been cancelled and April 15, 2023 has been reserved for Fiber Feast.

Program for April will be "The 50-Mile Coat" with Joan McKenzie.

Program for May will be "Mastering Focal Point and Balance" with Jane Dunnewold.

There will be extra time after the lecture for Q&A.

Sharon was authorized to do a short survey of the membership to determine possible participation in the Holiday Sale, and interest in Zoom workshops.

Membership - Trish Ritchie reported that we now have 88 members - nine are renewals and one new member. The reminder sent out to unpaid members was successful.

Old Business:

Professional Development Grants - No applications were received this year, so the program will be tabled for 2021.

Past recipients - Audra Wenzlow, Sharon Weltner and Autumn Grace Dougherty will be asked to do their presentations in January 2022.

Nominating Committee: Carol Fleischer reported that the nominees are:
Treasurer - Teresa Garland, for a two-year second term
Secretary - Sue McDowell, for a two-year term

Bylaws Review - Anjanette Bunce reported that the committee is meeting and starting the review. Members are Anjanette Bunce, Anne Flora, Carol Fletcher, Jan Frank, and Agnes Soderbeck.

New Business:

Elections -

Moved Barb Schutzgruber, Second Liz Ritter that the election in April be held electronically.

Approved Unanimously.

Electronic Dues Payment - Teresa Garland led the discussion on the possibility of being able to pay dues electronically. Various means were discussed.

Moved Teresa Garland, Second Liz Ritter that the Guild consider the option of electronic membership dues payment.

Approved Unanimously.

The committee to look into the details will be Teresa Garland, Liz Ritter, Marla Smith, Trish Ritchie and Elizabeth Walther. They will report at the May Board meeting.

MLH - Betsy Szymanski reported on the on-going workshops at MLH. Thanks to Sharon for sending out information on the exhibit opportunities to the membership. A reminder that items for the Guild Exhibit need to be sent directly to Betsy. For individual entries, they are handled by the members. All information is on the website or call Betsy for help.

The next Board meeting will be May 3, at 6:00 p.m.
There will also be an August meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Frank, Secretary