

Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild Board Minutes

April 19, 2020 – No physical meeting due to COVID-19 outbreak and Stay-At-Home order. Comments collected via email.

Email contributions by: Anne Flora, Sharon McKenna, Barb Schutzgruber, Teresa Garland, Michele Montour, Amy Cameron, Cindy Harris, Elizabeth Walther, Sue Widawski

President Items presented to the Board by Anne Flora.

- Zion is closed through April 30th and we received an indication from them that they may extend the closure through mid-May. Because of this and due to the fact that many of our members are vulnerable and would probably be reluctant to attend any gatherings, I have decided to cancel the May meeting. In speaking with Sharon, we have also decided to postpone Karen Turckes' workshop. Sharon will reschedule her workshop to spring 2021. The participants' check will be destroyed and they will be informed of this cancellation. They will be given priority should they wish to take the workshop next spring.
- Due to the renovations at WCC being postponed, we will be able to have Fiber Feast on
- April 17th, 2021. A piece of great news!
- Teresa has finished a draft of the 2020-2021 budget based on your input. Please note a few changes given by Michele Montour – these will be listed in the report section of this document.
- Per my recommendation and a majority of the Board, we will not ask for a refund for the April and May Piper Hall rental. We will also keep the semi-annual rental payment schedule the same. In the event of any more closures next year, we can deal with the situation if it arises.
- The Board also approved postponing the membership vote on the following items until the September 2020 AAFG meeting:
 - 2020-2021 Budget approval
 - The election of the VP for Programs and the VP/President-Elect. The nominees are Sharon McKenna – Vice President for Programs, and Anjanette Bunce – Vice President/President-Elect. There were no other nominees.
 - The approval of the change to the by-laws regarding the appointment of an assistant to the Treasurer

Board Member Reports:

Programs/Workshops – Sharon McKenna reported, amidst these unusual and unpredictable circumstances, it is difficult to think about planning ahead for the 2020-21 year. She wants to let you know what is already scheduled for next year, what is pending, and the decisions she has made about additional planning. She currently has one out-of-town speaker scheduled for October, and we are sharing expenses for Laura Bryant with two other groups who have booked her for workshops, the weekend before and the weekend after our meeting. There is a definite possibility of sharing expenses with NTGM for Leslie Riley in May, although that is not firm yet.

The following programs have been arranged for the next year:

September - social time after a long drought of physical distancing

October - Laura Bryant

November - Mary Gilhuly - rescheduled from last November and then from April

December - Holiday party

January -

February - fashion show featuring works of Millie Danielson

March -

April -

May - Leslie Riley (tentative)

Sharon will reschedule Karen Turckes from May 2020 to one of the open dates. The remaining two dates, she will fill with AAFG members. Sharon is not planning to schedule any workshops this far ahead. The Ann Loveless 'pop-up' workshop, in which members had only a month to sign-up, was successful enough to break even. If the circumstances make it possible, we think we can find members to provide similar workshops.

Fiber Feast – Sharon McKenna reported that due to the renovations at WCC being postponed, we will be able to have Fiber Feast on April 17, 2021.

Holiday Sale/Storage Unit – Barb Schutzgruber has emailed Agnes Soderbeck and Carol Repasky to see if they are willing to take over from her as co-chairs of the Holiday Sale. If they are not willing to take over, we will need to find 1-2 others to chair the event. Once the stay-at-home order is lifted, she will begin shifting our storage items to the smaller unit so we can cancel the larger unit.

Treasurer/Budget – Teresa Garland reported that our checking account balance is \$12,124, the Money Market fund is at \$8,030, and the CD is \$10,210. She has submitted a draft budget to the Board.

Michele Montour has some added budget items:

- New brochures printing cost — \$500 for 1,000 — 4c on satin-coated stock
- Sunday Artisan Market TSAM — \$50-100 for inserts
- Tags for the year — this could already be in the budget — \$65
- Programs for the 2021 Fiber Feast (she is sure that Sharon has already included this expense)

Library – Amy Cameron wants to remind the membership to hold onto their library books until the next Guild meeting.

Exhibits – Cindy Harris has been in communication with the director at Cherry Hill Village Theater and they have not yet made a decision on our July exhibit. Cindy will keep us informed on this as soon as she has concrete information.

Sunday Artisans Market – Elizabeth Walther (one of the chairpersons for TSAM) has been in touch with the Ann Arbor Sunday Market manager who has said that the earliest that the market would open is May 5th. At this point, the sellers will need to wait and see when the closure will be lifted.

Jury – Sue Widawski has scheduled the fall jury sessions. This is the beginning of the three-year cycle and all members will need to have their work re-juried. Sue will be passing out clipboards at the September meeting for sellers to sign up for specific sessions – there is a limit of 15 sellers per jury session.

The three sessions are as follows:

- September 20th at Carol Fleischer's home
- October 4th at Terry O'Toole's home
- October 18th – host site to be determined

Submitted by Anne Flora, President