

**AAFG Emergency Board Meeting
August 12, 2020 – via Zoom**

The meeting began at 6:10 p.m.

Present: Marla Smith, Anjanette Bunce, Carol Fleischer, Mary Valerie Richter, Cindy Harris, Liz Ritter, Amy Cameron, Barb Schutzgruber, Teresa Garland, Trish Richie, Betsy Szymanski, Audra Wenzlow, Michele Montour, Elizabeth Walther, Anne Flora, Susan Widawski, and Sharon McKenna

Member Voting Results:

The elected officers approved the members' survey monkey vote for the slate of 2020-2022 officers.

President – Carol Fleischer

Vice President – Sharon McKenna

Vice President Elect – Anjanette Bunce

Treasurer – Teresa Garland

Secretary – Jan Frank

The proposed changes to bylaws were also approved by the members via survey monkey.

Treasurer – Teresa has paid the bills and purchased our Zoom account. Please see her email for details. There is \$1850 allocated for programs and this could pay for speakers/lectures on Zoom.

- Audra suggested that Ellen's Fund could be used for speakers via Zoom.
- Discussion followed about whether to collect dues this fall. Incoming dues from current members would be \$4800. Michele Montour made the motion that we should collect dues as normal, but no one will be penalized if they are unable to pay. Susan Widawski seconded the motion. A thumbs up vote was taken, and the motion carried. We will leave the password as is for this year.

Programs – Sharon has cancelled the in-person guild programs, and Anne Flora's dye workshops in October have been cancelled.

Possible ideas for online meetings are:

- September – welcome back
- October – Functional Covid Art Mask show and tell
- November – an online guest lecturer

Artisan Market – Elizabeth reports that Agnes Soderbeck is now in charge of The Sunday Artisan Market. Five sellers have pulled out, but five sellers will go forward. Agnes has redone the schedule and TSAM sellers have the new AAFG brochures created by Michele Montour. Barb has moved all our equipment into the new, smaller storage unit, and Agnes will be in touch with Barb to get needed equipment for the market setup. Elizabeth will email Teresa the names of members who pulled out because of Covid so Teresa can refund their \$15 equipment fee.

Communication:

- Carol will send out an informational email to the membership either once or twice a month. Anjanette suggested having specific content such as members sharing what they have been working on, highlighting fiber related events, and other things to keep members involved.
- There was a motion made to suspend in-person AAFG events until January. There was no discussion and then a unanimous vote yes.

Sales Jury – Susan Widawski discussed postponing the sales juries. Sharon McKenna made a motion that AAFG suspend juries until January 2021, and move the 3 year jury to September 2021. Susan Widawski seconded the motion. Board members voted and the motion passed.

Exhibits - Cindy reports that Mary has dreamed up a fun guild online exhibit: “Functional Covid Art Masks”. There is also a plan in the works, thanks to Mary, for a 2-D/3-D online exhibit scheduled for January 2021. Cindy will cancel the November/December exhibit at Silver Maples.

New Ideas Discussion:

- Anne suggested open fiber dyeing sessions at her 2000 square foot studio. Millie Danielson has gifted Anne a 30lb bump of merino roving. Members could sign up 8 at a time for dye sessions. There would be no charge. Doors and windows would be open and masks worn.
- Sharon suggests small group discussions on Zoom. She would announce times for chats and an invitation would be sent. Members would log on if they were interested. She would get a list of techniques/topics from our recent survey. Anjanette says she could help train zoom leaders/moderators, and have pre-meeting zoom tutorials for members who need help.
- Barb asked if monthly meetings would be kept to the regular schedule – 2nd Monday of the month starting at 7:00 p.m. In September we will see who can Zoom, and talk about things we are planning for the guild this year, and possibly some show and tell.
- Anjanette and Amy talked about a platform called Slack. They think it could be a fun, easy way to interact with other members. They could write up information.

Website - Mary and Liz will work on a tutorial, to put on the website, on how to take photos of your work with a Smartphone or digital camera.

Facebook - Mary suggested we could have a private AAFG Facebook page for members to interact.

After more discussion about Slack, Facebook and Zoom, the meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Harris, for Secretary Jan Frank