

Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild Board Minutes

March 2, 2020 – Held at Marla Smith's home.

Present: Carol Fleischer, Anne Flora, Jan Frank, Teresa Garland, Cindy Harris, Sharon McKenna, Michele Montour, Mary Valerie Richter, Marla Smith, Audra Wenzlow

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Frank, Secretary

President Anne Flora called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

- Board members should contact Flora if there are any additional items for the general meeting agenda.
- A committee is being formed to come up with ideas to celebrate Ellen Willson's legacy.
- Review Professional Development applications of Audra Wenzlow and Sharon Weltner.
- Elections will be held at the April meeting. Positions open are for Vice President/President Elect and Vice President/Programs.

Treasurer – Teresa Garland reported that the budget is in good shape.

- There is a need for an assistant treasurer. Audra Wenzlow has agreed to assist. Sharon McKenna will draw up a proposed by-law change (send to the Board for approval) that would permit the assistant treasurer to have signing power for the treasurer. This will be presented to the membership in April for a vote.
- We have approximately \$10,000 CD coming due. The interest we were quoted on a new CD is very low. Instead of getting another CD, we could ask the bank for a higher rate on our Money Market account and then transfer the money from the CD to the Money Market account.
- Move that we investigate a higher rate on the Money Market account, and if not possible, let the CD roll over for another 2 years. Moved Teresa Garland, Second Mary Valerie Richter, unanimous approval.
- It was decided that the treasurer take the necessary money from savings, should the budget be short this year.
- Barb Schutzgruber reports that the Art Fair tent has sold for \$700. A smaller, less expensive storage unit has been rented.

Ann Arbor Artisans Market – The Farmers' Market booth has been purchased for the year, starting in April. Linda Girard, Agnes Soderbeck, and Elizabeth Walther share the coordinating roles. Linda will be in charge of equipment. Barb Schutzgruber's recommendations for equipment use at the Farmers' Market are: 1) Any item that was only used for the Art Fair (i.e. table, chairs, fans, power strips & cords, heavy tools, plastic, towels, bungee cords & clips); 2) A limited number of jewelry display items selected by Linda Girard; 3) Three grids (2x5 foot) and a rolling triangle base; 4) A limited number of display hardware that hooks onto the grids (i.e. waterfalls, hat display, shelves). Move that we accept Barb's recommendations. Moved Anne Flora, Second Marla Smith, unanimous approval.

Programs/Workshops – Sharon McKenna stated that there was a cancellation for the March Workshop. Marla Smith will take the open spot. Sharon is working on having the cancelled November meeting program inserted into the vacant April 2020 meeting slot. There will be an "Introduction to Felting" workshop October 2-3, 2020 taught by Anne Flora at Helen Welford's farm. Anne Flora also will offer, for the participants, an opportunity to dye silk for the workshop, to take place sometime mid-September at her studio.

Sharon is working on getting Laura Bryant for the October 2020 meeting.

Fiber Feast – Sharon McKenna requested suggestions for a good speaker to lead off our September meeting.

Exhibits – Cindy Harris reported that the jury for the Power Center Show is March 13. Information on the website. The show will be hung March 17.

Website/Facebook – Mary Valerie Richter reminded everyone to proof submissions, including the links.

Warped Weavers – Audra Wenzlow reported that there is interest in developing something for the MLH Show next year. They had a "social" weaving get-to-gathering that was well attended.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Frank, Secretary