

## **ANN ARBOR FIBERARTS GUILD BOARD MEETING**

May 3, 2021

Via Zoom

**Members Present** - Anjanette Bunce, Carol Fleischer, Jan Frank, Teresa Garland, Cindy Harris, Sandy Kunkle, Susan McDowell, Sharon McKenna, Mary Valerie Richter, Liz Ritter, Barb Schutzgruber, Agnes Soderbeck, Nancy Staub, Betsy Szymanski, Elizabeth Walther, Audra Wenzlow, Susan Widawski

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

The results of our electronic election are:

Teresa Garland, Treasurer for her second 2-year term.

Susan McDowell, Secretary for her first 2-year term.

**Treasurer** - Teresa Garland reported that we are able to complete the year with a small surplus in the budget. Complete treasurer's report is on the website.

**Secretary** - Jan Frank reported that the Bylaws Committee has been working on updating the current bylaws. Any suggestions are welcome. Committee members are Anjanette Bunce, Carol Fletcher, Anne Flora, Jan Frank, and Agnes Soderbeck. A short report was distributed.

**Programs/ Fiber Feast/Holiday Sale** - Sharon McKenna reported that the next Holiday Sale has been scheduled for Nov. 19, 2022. The next Fiber Feast will be April 22, 2023. Sharon is working on programming that will be on Zoom, through the end of 2021. January is planned to be presentations from past Development Grant recipients. February 2022 will be a virtual Guild show. There was a general discussion on how long we will be virtual, with the decision to wait and see.

**Exhibits** - Cindy Harris distributed a written report. We will be having an exhibit at The Theater Gallery at Cherry Hill in the month of July. Paperwork will need to be done by June 1, and jury dates are not yet scheduled. Cindy will be making an announcement at the Guild meeting on Monday. We do not have an exhibit schedule for the Power Center. There will be another on-line Guild exhibit in February 2022.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Electronic Payments -**

Moved Teresa Garland, Second Barb Schutzgruber to use SimpleMembership to add membership fee collection capability to our website as outlined in the Electronic Payments Methods for the Membership Report.

Approved Unanimously

Moved Teresa Garland, Second Cindy Harris to add a donations button and verbiage to the effect that we are not a non-profit. Until August 31, all donations received will go into the Ellen Fund.

Approved.

### **New Business:**

**A Look at this Year and Next** - Anjanette Bunce has created a survey about the Guild to get a good idea of what has worked and not worked well this year. It will be sent out in a Google doc.

**Popup Store** - Sandy Kunkle presented her experience of participating in a popup store in vacant commercial space. The idea would be to have a space for exhibits and sales of members works. Various ideas, locations, and costs were discussed. Carol will announce the idea at the May meeting to see who is interested in working on an exploratory committee.

**Ellen's Fund Coordination** - Carol Fleischer announced that Audra Wenzlow would be the chair of the Ellen Fund Coordinating Committee to work with the Program chair. There was discussion on the need for clarifying the use of Ellen's Fund, with a possible committee to work on it.

**2021-22 Budget Prep** - Teresa Garland requested that everyone get budget requests to her prior to our August meeting, when a budget needs to be finalized.

**Professional Development Grant** - Mary Valerie Richter submitted a very extensive review of the evolution of the grant. It was a very interesting historical review of how the idea for a Guild-funded grant began in 2007, with a grant from former member Gretchen Cassara. The information was presented as background info for decision making on our new budget. There were no grants given in 2021. This will be on the Board agenda in August.

The next Board meeting will be August 2, 2021.

It is planned to be an outdoor meeting at the home of Carol Fleischer, weather permitting or on Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Frank, Secretary