



LSGA Monthly Meeting

January 25th, 2014

Attendance: Erik & Marg Niemonen, Bob Edmundsen, Sandy Wilson, Kathy Schwarz, William LeFeuvre, Bill Hampton, Bill Purch, Hazel Dewar, Louise Laqua, Pat McNeill, Shirley & Jake Braat, Faye Cox, Rosalie & Julia Case, Sherry Zarowny

Meeting minutes recorded by Megan Groves

1- Executive Reports:

Treasurer Report: As of 25th Jan we have 2824.64 in account with three new members paying this week. Currently have 28 paid members.

Vice President (William): We have 2 pages in Quirk magazine for March-April issue with pictures and article due the end of January. Loretta will be a reader; William, Megan and Kathy will put article together. Members invited to submit pictures of their work with selection of up to 6 for the article.

Vice President (Kathy): 16 new members since August 2013. Last spring had 20 students in workshop at a rural school. 7 students Jan-Aug 2013, Workshop in backyard for 10 members of bridal party last summer. Lorraine and Pat were there to help. 5 students stained Sep-Dec 2013. 10 students in current fusing class. Proposals with CASA for intro to stained and intro to fusing classes.

Advertising - now have a logo (thanks to William!) We have a FB page, website, as well as advertising in a variety of local publications. Megan to set up Twitter account

President's report: nothing new to add at present

2- Fall 2013 Sale:

We have an unknown CL who had items in the sale - money from these items will go back to society as they were club pieces, per Kathy. Sandy reported that she has made this deposit.

3- Spring Sale with Potters (First weekend in May, May 2-3rd)

- Loretta will be the liaison between the two groups for LSGA. Kathy trying to set up a meeting with the two groups for week of 3-Feb-2014. Potters still seem to be in control

of advertising and will bill us. Possibility that potters may be having another sale at CASA that same weekend with the Weavers, Textile Design Guild, so Kathy trying to find out more. Need details ironed out by end of month if we want to get advertising out. Could we all join into this sale at CASA? Sandy reports that Ecole Verendrye also has a space for rent, may look into for future events. Also an option is that we rent CASA as well? (Need info re: costs, etc. associated)

4- Art Market in Calgary in 2014

Juried and \$1400 to enter. Currently sounds like that is too much \$ for our group at present, but individual members may enter.

5- Tablecloths for Shows

Erik got an email from a member re: whether we should look at getting our own tablecloths for shows. Kathy reported that Lorraine brought a lot of fabric back from Mexico to make tablecloths and Kathy will help organize the making of tablecloths.

6- Year-End Audit

Sandy to complete year-end financials to do our audit.

7- Insurance

We have no coverage for sales, etc. Erik called two local brokers for quotes. Has yet to receive final details but we reportedly used to have insurance through Reliance (now Schwartz-Reliance Insurance). They initially quoted us \$1000 annual fee for \$6000 for contents and \$2 mil liability. Erik called another (Economical Insurance) for a quote and they quoted \$650 annual policy with \$5000 coverage for equipment & stock with \$500 deductible for equipment and \$1000 deductible under liability policy (\$2 mil). Must have liability of \$2 million regardless of insurer, per both insurance companies.

- Our equipment worth approximately \$2000 (LSGA guesstimate). We only have to insure contents here because Jones Roofing insures the building. To replace the kiln would be approx \$1000 (so to insure it and then pay deductible is more than the policy itself!)
- Erik will find out what liability insurance alone would cost annually. William will also speak with an insurance agent he knows re: this.
- Rosalie suggested having a group disclaimer agreement in place for when members use the society space. (How do we do this?)
- Further report on this next meeting

8- Member Contact List

LSGA has an up to date contact list on live.com

9- Promotions

FB (Facebook) and LSGA website both up and running. Can send in pics to Loretta and make a folder on FB to display your work

- live.com (our email) - Kathy to clean this up (delete irrelevant info)

- CASA: Kathy doing lots of things here with education. Running two fused glass classes at the moment, planning more and possibly some stained glass for the next semester

- Brochures: Kathy distributing these around town (e.g. at CASA). Megan printed first batch for sale and we have extras. Kathy to email the file to Erik who would also like to print some to hand out as appropriate.

10- Monthly report on finances

Sandy to send email to executive with monthly balance, breakdown

11- Volunteer Opportunity

Kathy got an email from Beyond Zed re: upcoming Makers Space conference. They are looking for people to have a 6x3 table and chair who would be willing to demo their craft to conference attendees 9-10:15, and 10:30-11:45. Conference runs 9am-12pm on March 8th in the Anton Ballroom at Leth Lodge. Theme is "Community Space, think Library". Attendees are library managers and staff from all over Alberta. Members feel because they are not local attendees, the (point) for us to be there is negligible. No volunteers.

12- Glass Co-Op / Group Buying

Stained Glass store is now reportedly closed as the buyout deal fell through. With this in mind, Kathy raised the possibility of a Glass Co-Op: Kathy used to do this in Saskatchewan. Bought in bulk 2x a year. With Bullseye, get an increase in discount with the more that you order.

- William: we could also set up a wholesale account with Delphi for the society so that we can order things like foil, equipment, etc.

- William on good terms with Robert from Glass Place in Montreal so will talk with him and see if we can get a deal through him too.
- Do we want to let people who are not members join this cooperative? Overall member consensus is no, this will not be an option to non-members as \$45 annual fee is minimal and would easily be offset by group savings. Also can use this as an incentive to get members.

13- Phone Book Fundraiser

Delivering phone books at end of Feb. Last year was 0.25/phone book. Sandy's husband last year made \$1200 doing this. Pick up books at Peterson Transport and deliver to local businesses and homes. Do we want to do this? Many members are currently on low-lift restrictions for medical reasons, so may look at doing this next year

14- Advertising / Article Opportunity

- William: Article in Quirk magazine. Jean (editor) doesn't have any writers so we need to write this. Proposed outline:
 - history of glass
 - history of society
 - aims and goals of society (do we have a charter? sounds like not)
 - encouraging all facets of glass art
 - tours of studios, artists, etc.
 - composition of gp (e.g. beginners, hobbyists, enthusiasts, pros)
 - advantages of being a member (e.g. equipment use, Glass co-operative, use of space, access to sales, bringing in guest speakers, education opp.s
 - future plans for us (where are we going?)
 - fundraising
 - next show coming up
 - summary and website, schools if interested
 - 600 wds and 6 pics
- **Members must submit pics to Kathy (email). Would be nice to have a variety (stained and fused, jewelry, sandblasted, etched, etc, etc)
- William, Kathy, Megan to work on putting this together.

15- Show & Tell

Pat made some great fused and wire-wrapped hearts for gifts for her daughter's wedding

Louise showed some neat glasswork with copper and enameling from a workshop she attended

Please feel free to bring any more show and tell for next meeting!