

# ***The Loose Bead Society of Greater Milwaukee***

## ***Meeting of the Board of Directors***

December 7, 2015

Brookfield Public Library

**Board members in attendance:** Maureen Bartz, Cindy Collins, Bonnie DeSautelle, Carol Haiar, Katy Hess, Jan Mueller, Allyn Steffen, Kathy VanDemark, Kathy Willmering

**Unable to Attend:** Becky Prusak, Carol Surges

### **Call to Order**

- Katy Hess called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

### **Approval of Minutes**

- The minutes of the 11/02/2015 board meeting were approved as written.
- The minutes of the 11/16/2015 membership meeting were approved as corrected.

### **Volunteer Hours**

- Submitted to Katy Hess for transfer to Becky Prusak.

### **Calendar Updates**

- Calendar updates were discussed in the officer/committee reports.

### **Submission of Expenses/Reimbursement Requests/Monies for Deposit**

- Expense forms, reimbursement requests, and monies for deposit were given to Allyn Steffen.

### **Commemorative Bead Challenge**

Kalmbach Publishing Company has offered a challenge to the Loose Bead Society. Three people are to be selected to create a piece of jewelry or art using the 2016 Bead&Button Commemorative Bead. The pieces will then be used to raise funds for a charitable cause (probably Breast Cancer Research, the past charity). LBS members submitted original pieces of jewelry as examples of what they could do with a focal piece. The board members examined the sample pieces of jewelry submitted by members. The board chose 3 pieces. Katy Hess revealed the names of the members of the selected pieces: Susan Beal, Karen Radtke, and Suzanne Stimac.

### **Officer/Committee Reports**

*Vice-President – Programming; Cindy Collins*

- December's program is an open format – announcements, volunteer appreciation, and refreshments. Table talk is "Ornaments".
- January's meeting is potentially a speaker from the Greater Milwaukee area that creates artwork out of tins (such as cookie tins). Cindy, with the help of Helen Dahms, is still pursuing this option.
- February's meeting will be a hands-on program at St. Dominic's Activity Center. Members will be able to create a lariat style necklace based on the version that member Mary Hottinger showed at the November membership meeting. The kit for this project will be a bit pricier than average. We will charge guests \$10.00 for a kit. The kit will be a basic version of the necklace. Members will be asked to bring a selection of beads from their stash if they would like to "dress up" the necklace. Further, an optional, pre-paid add-on mini-kit will be offered to members at the December program for \$5.00. We will take pre-orders up to the January membership meeting. We will only procure enough of the optional supplies to satisfy the pre-orders.
- Further membership meetings are still undecided.
- The outstanding monthly charms are still outstanding although Cindy does have 3 of the missing ones ready to go.

*Vice-President – Special Events; Maureen Bartz*

- Retreat signups are slow thus far, but it is early.
- Maureen Bartz has reserved the Muskego public library for Saturday May 7, 2016 for a Bead-In. Maureen is working on recruiting a wirework teacher for this event.
- Maureen reported that the December 2, 2015 Shop Night at Eclectica went well. LBS and Eclectica exchanged “thank-yous”. Maureen encouraged Eclectica to try to give us more notice the next time so we can announce it at meetings. This event was not announced until after the November membership meeting.
- We are still on-track for a January 31, 2016 Shop Day at Knot Just Beads (Noon-4pm).

*Community Service Coordinator; Jan Mueller*

- Allyn Steffen gave a question and answer presentation at Luther Manor on north 92<sup>nd</sup> St on Friday November 27, 2015. About a dozen residents were present. Allyn brought samples of beadwork and discussed beadwork in general, techniques, the Bead&Button show, and other bead related topics. This event was previously erroneously reported as being at Lutheran Manor on North Avenue.
- LBS has been invited to a presentation on providing recreation activities to other groups. Terri Bartlett is the contact. Jan is pursuing.
- Jan was contacted by the American Sewing Guild. They would like another presentation to their group by LBS. No one currently on the board remembers the previous presentation. Jan is pursuing.

*Membership; Kathy VanDemark*

- Kathy has already received 71 renewals for 2016 – a good start. Further, we already have 3 brand new members.

*Treasurer; Allyn Steffen*

- The board reviewed the November report.
- Cindy turned over the old laptop (a Mac) to Allyn. Allyn will try to sell the old one. Maggie Roschyk, who is familiar with the machine, has expressed an interest.
- Again, Allyn and Cindy Collins briefly touched on a new pc and attendant software. They will pursue this issue.
- Again, Allyn remarked that there are several outstanding checks for small amounts. Allyn will pursue the check holders and try to resolve this.

*President-Elect; Bonnie DeSautelle*

Bonnie & Katy Hess will start planning for 2016 Bead&Button Show in January.

*Secretary; Becky Prusak*

- Becky Prusak was not present.

*Past President; Kathy Willmering*

**Shop event at Knot Just Beads**

- Knot Just Beads will host a shop event at the store on January 31, 2016. Kathy VanDemark is aware and will make the appropriate arrangements so that someone (probably her) is there to take membership renewals/signups.

**Visiting Artist Diane Fitzgerald**

- The actual registration brochure will be available at the December membership meeting.
- Kathy has forwarded all appropriate information to Carol Surges for posting on our website.

*Website Coordinator; Carol Surges*

- Carol Surges was not present.
- Maureen reports that the LBS website has been down lately. Katy Hess will call Carol Surges to pursue this.

*Newsletter Coordinator; open*

- Katy Hess reported that she will still try to get one more issue out in December, 2015.

*President; Katy Hess*

- Katy Hess reminded everyone to recruit other members for board positions, such as 2017 VP Programming.
- The transition meeting will be a Saturday in January at the New Berlin public library. Katy will notify everyone when she has settled on a date.
- No one has stepped forward to run the Show & Sell Committee (Jewelry at the Domes). The board discussed this situation. Ultimately, the board decided to drop this activity, at least for the time being. Katy will inform Sandy Folaron (of the Domes). Katy will also inform the LBS membership of this at the December membership meeting.
- Katy passed out a calendar of 2016 events, to help board members stay on top of things that are going on.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- The board briefly discussed potential ways we could get together and discuss outstanding issues. Several ideas were floated about ways to tie the dues fee structure to volunteer hours. Without resolving or finalizing anything, we stopped discussing these issues at this time.

#### **New Business**

- no new business was addressed at this time

#### **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Kathy Willmering, acting as secretary for Becky Prusak