

Loose Bead Society of Greater Milwaukee

Membership Business Meeting

August 17, 2015

St. Dominic's Parish Activity Center

Board members in attendance: Cindy Collins, Carol Haiar, Katy Hess, Jan Mueller, Becky Prusak, Allyn Steffen, Carol Surges, Kathy Willmering

Unable to attend: Kathy Merrill and Kathy VanDemark

Meeting Attendance

There were 98 people in attendance. Of these, 3 were guests and 2 were brand new members.

Call to Order

Katy Hess called the meeting to order at 6:56.

Officer/Committee Reports

President; Kathy Merrill(absent) – Presented by Katy Hess

- Due to job responsibilities, Pam McCreary will no longer be able to be the newsletter coordinator.
- If not receiving emails, see Katy Hess.
- Katy Hess presented the research findings on a different venue for the LBS meetings and Hands-On activities.
- With regards to the Bead-In, there were approximately six libraries that seemed suitable. However, the 2015 Fall Bead-In is already booked at the Muskego Public Library.
- Most members liked the surveys. Some survey respondents made suggestions for future topics.
- Members interested in participating on the Nominating Committee or running for office should inform Katy Hess.

Vice President of Special Events; Carol Haiar

- The rules and entry form for the Bead Challenge will be sent via eBlast and posted on the website.
- The Challenge pieces are due at the September meeting.
- The 2015 Fall Bead-In is on October 10.
- Carol was available during the meeting to discuss the Bead Challenge with new members.

Community Service Coordinator; Jan Mueller

- Jan Mueller thanked those members who volunteered at the Brookfield Library event. Each patron made two memory wire bracelets. The Library wants LBS to return.
- The Committee is looking for volunteers on September 9 at 1:15 for an event at McGovern Park. Clients will be making memory wire bracelets.
- Five volunteers are needed for an event at the VA on September 16 from 6:00 to 8:30 where clients will be creating leather wrap bracelets.
- Volunteers are required at the Kelly Senior Center on October 20 and October 27 from 10:00 – 12:00 to assist clients in creating flat spiral bracelets.
- Luther Manor in Wauwatosa is looking for a speaker at their interest program to discuss beading with the residents.
- The Cinderella Bead-In date is to be determined. Another thought was to have a hands-on with the entire membership in which LBS would provide the materials and all created items would be for the Cinderella Project.

President-Elect; Katy Hess

- Katy Hess reported for President Kathy Merrill.

Membership Committee; Kathy VanDemark

- Kathy Willmering welcomed guests and new members.

Newsletter Coordinator

- The position is unfilled.

Past President; Kathy Willmering

- Kathy Willmering had nothing to report.

Table Talk:

“End of Summer” – There were no submissions.

Vice President of Programming; Cindy Collins

- Cindy reviewed the 2015 theme of It’s Going to be a Charming year.
- The upcoming Table Talk for September is “Bountiful Harvest”.
- The speaker for the September meeting will be from Lumen Electronic Jewelry. The artists repurpose circuit boards, circuitry and other high-tech components into jewelry.
- The September meeting will be held on September 14, one week earlier than normal.
- There will be no speaker for the October meeting. Officer elections will be conducted. The bead Challenge pieces will be presented and voted upon.
- The speaker at the November meeting will be Tammy Rae Wolter of Glass by Tammy Rae. She will discuss how to feature artist beads without overpowering the bead.
- The end-of-the-year celebration will take place at the December meeting. A member suggested a show and tell of the charm bracelet.
- The extra Bird Nest Charms are being sold for \$5.
- Extra charm bracelets are being sold for \$7.
- The hands-on activity for the evening was a chain maille bracelet. The instructions include how to make a Mobius charm for the charm bracelet.
- Cindy Collins demonstrated the website location for instructions on past charms.
- Extra chain maille kits were available after the meeting for \$5 each.

Program

The program was a hands-on project of a chain maille bracelet in the Byzantine weave led by Barb Schoenherr.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Becky Prusak, Secretary