

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

## ***Membership Business Meeting***

October 19, 2015

***New Berlin Public Library***

**Board members in attendance:** Cindy Collins, Carol Haiar, Katy Hess, Kathy Merrill, Jan Mueller, Becky Prusak, Carol Surges, Kathy Willmering and Kathy VanDemark

**Unable to attend:** Allyn Steffen

### **Meeting Attendance**

There were 72 members in attendance, two of whom were new members.

### **Call to Order**

Kathy Merrill called the meeting to order at 6:48.

### **Officer/Committee Reports**

*President; Kathy Merrill*

- The October meeting is the Annual Business Meeting. The Challenge pieces would also be presented for voting.
- LBS is sixteen years old. The dues is \$24 per year.

*Vice President of Special Events; Carol Haiar*

- The Fall Bead-In was held on October 10 at the Muskego Library. It was attended by 13 – 14 people.
- The Milwaukee Bead Show was on October 11. Allyn Steffen headed the event, with 8 – 9 volunteers.
- The Challenge pieces were divided into three categories – Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced. Voting for the pieces would end at 8:00 tonight.

*Community Service Coordinator; Jan Mueller*

- Jan Falk presented the area.
- The Vet program had nine participants, with seven to eight volunteers.
- Participants made a leather wrap bracelet.

*President-Elect; Katy Hess*

- Katy Hess would like to issue one more newsletter before the end of the year.
  - Anyone interested in volunteering for the newsletter should see Katy Hess or Cindy Brinkman.
  - Katy Hess is looking for articles on tips and tricks, tool reviews, book reviews, etc.
- Katy Hess announced the 2016 Commemorative Bead Challenge.
  - Kalmbach will provide three 2016 Commemorative beads for the challenge.
  - The pieces will be at the Bead & Button Show as part of the Silent Auction.
  - The pieces must be original work.
  - Designers of the pieces will receive a 2016 Commemorative Bead, a subscription to one of the Kalmbach publications, and perhaps have their piece featured in the Bead & Button magazine.
  - Members interested in participating must submit a sample of their work using a focal bead by the November membership meeting. Winners will be selected by the Board.
  - Kalmbach has not yet released the due date for the completed pieces.
  - Questions should be directed to Katy Hess.

*Membership Committee; Kathy VanDemark*

- Lory Jannes greeted members.
- Lory Jannes introduced two guests who had also just become new members.

*Treasurer; Allyn Steffen*

- Allyn Steffen was not present.
- Katy Hess presented the Treasurer's Report.
- Any questions should be directed to Allyn.

*Newsletter Coordinator*

- The position is unfilled.

*Library Committee; Julie Miller*

- Books were available at the meeting.

*Nominating Committee; Helen Dahms*

- The following are running for office:
  - Treasurer – Allyn Steffen
  - VP Special Events – Maureen Bartz
  - President Elect – Bonnie DeSautelle
- Allyn Steffen was not present. Maureen Bartz and Bonnie DeSautelle briefly spoke to the membership. They each provided a biography and a description of their qualifications for the office.
- No one made a nomination from the floor for any of the positions.  
A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate as nominated. The motion passed unanimously.

*Website Coordinator: Carol Surges*

- Carol Surges had nothing to report.

*Past President; Kathy Willmering*

- Kathy Willmering had nothing to report.

*Vice President of Programming; Cindy Collins*

- The Table Talk for the November meeting will be "Lariats".
- The speaker for the November membership meeting will be lampwork artist Tammy Rae Wolter. She will discuss how to use a focal bead.
- The Table Talk for the December Meeting will be "Ornaments".
- There will not be a speaker for the December meeting.

**Table Talk:**

"Members Choice" – no one participated.

**Challenge:**

This year's challenge theme was "Crayon Box". Members blindly drew two crayons from a container of crayons. Members then had to use at least one of the crayon colors in their piece and the piece was required to contain at least one bead. The entries were beautiful and varied, and the display drew an enthusiastic crowd of admirers.

The winners by popular vote:

Beginner:

- First Place -- Kathy Willmering
- Runner Up -- Carole Milos

Intermediate:

- First Place -- Sue Bennett
- Runner Up -- Toni Fohey
- Runner Up -- Sue Grimyser

Advanced:

- First Place -- Karen Radke
- Runner Up -- Barb Grobschmidt

Congratulations to all seven winners! First place winners received a \$25.00 gift certificate to the local bead store of their choice. Runner up winners received a \$10.00 gift certificate to the local bead store of their choice.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Becky Prusak, Secretary