# Loose Bead Society of Greater Milwaukee

# Membership Business Meeting November 16, 2015 New Berlin Public Library

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

Unable to attend: None

#### **Meeting Attendance**

There were 98 members in attendance and 2 guests.

#### Call to Order

Katy Hess called the meeting to order at 6:45.

#### **Officer/Committee Reports**

#### President; Katy Hess

- Kathy Merrill has stepped down as president for personal reasons. Katy Hess is now President, with Bonnie DeSautelle as President Elect.
- Visiting Artist Diane Fitzgerald will give a presentation and teach classes at Mount Mary College on February 26, 2016 –
   February 28, 2016.
- The Spring Retreat is in Racine at the Harbourwalk on March 18, 2016 March 20, 2016.
- Knot Just Beads will have a private shopping event on January 31, 2016.
- The next membership meeting is December 21, 2015. We will celebrate the holidays and express volunteer appreciation.

### Retreat Committee Representative; Maureen Bartz

- Maureen Bartz provided an overview of the Spring 2016 Retreat and highlighted several classes. She provided key dates for registration.
- Registration Forms should be sent to Kat Feldman at the address provided on the form.

## Membership Committee; Kathy VanDemark

- Diana Hershaw greeted members.
- Lory Jannes introduced two guests.

#### **Table Talk**:

"Lariats" – numerous members participated.

### Vice President of Programming; Cindy Collins

- The Table Talk for the December meeting will be "Ornaments".
- At the December meeting there will be a jar in which to donate beads or a large bead for the Bead & Button Raffle.
- The Loose Bead Society will provide cookies for the December meeting. There may be trivia and games.
- Cindy Collins has a speaker in the works for the January 2016 meeting.
- The February Program scheduled for February 15, 2016, will consist of a hands-on at St Dominic's Activity Center.
- There will be a Program Committee meeting at 10:00am on December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Panera's on Greenfield. The meeting is open to all members.
- The speaker for the membership meeting was lampwork artist Tammy Rae Wolter. She discussed designing a piece using a focal bead. She provided varied examples of focal bead pieces.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Becky Prusak, Secretary