

Loose Bead Society of Greater Milwaukee

Membership Business Meeting

January 18, 2016

New Berlin Public Library

Board members in attendance: Maureen Bartz, Cindy Collins, Bonnie DeSautelle, Katy Hess, Kathy Merrill, Jan Mueller, Becky Prusak, Allyn Steffen, Carol Surges and Kathy VanDemark

Unable to attend: None

Meeting Attendance

There were 68 members in attendance and 3 guests, all of whom joined LBS.

Call to Order

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

Channel 10/36 "Just Bead It" Contest; Amy Burns

- Entries for the contest are due March 31. Amy Burns will be picking up entries at the February Program Meeting.
- She had the rules and entry forms with her. Her email address is on the form for any questions.
- Prizes will be awarded.
- Winners will be featured on the show Art Page. The show would provide the winner with national exposure.
- All entries will be displayed at the Home and Garden Show.

Officer/Committee Reports

Board members and appointees gave a presentation of their position. Reports were provided as part of the position presentation. Cindy Collins acted as the emcee for the program.

President; Katy Hess

- The position of president is a three year term: president –elect, president, and past president.
- Responsibilities include:
 - Oversee meetings
 - Support all other functions
 - Set calendar
 - Promote LBS outside of the organization
 - Represent members
- Members can come to Katy Hess with questions.
- Katy Hess has placed a sign-up sheet in front of each person representing a position so that members can obtain more information about the position or ask to shadow a Board Member or appointee.

Past President; Kathy Merrill

- Responsibilities include:
 - Support current president
 - Coordinate LBS publicity
 - Duties as assigned by the president
 - Arrange for private shopping events
- The next private shopping event is at Knot Just Beads on 01/31/2016 from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Only LBS members will be able to take advantage of the specials/discounts.

Helen Dahms

- Cindy Collins introduced Helen Dahms to the members and recognized her for the services she provides by sending out eBlasts and creating the PowerPoint presentation for the meetings.

President-Elect; Bonnie DeSautelle

- Bonnie DeSautelle reminded members that her position is open at the end year.
- Her main responsibilities include supporting the president and filling in for the president as needed.
- Another responsibility is coordinating the volunteer efforts by LBS at the Bead & Button Show.
 - Bonnie DeSautelle is beginning the process of coordinate the LBS presence at the Bead & Button Show.
 - She needs a volunteer group of members willing to be responsible for one day at the Bead & Button Show. These volunteers will coordinate and supervise the table captains and volunteers for the day. She already has 5 volunteers, so she only needs four more.
- Jan Mueller made an appeal for volunteers to help at the Bead & Button Show.

Vice-President – Programming; Cindy Collins

- The core function is to organize programs and arrange the Visiting Artist Event.
- The position is a two year term. She is in her second year.
- Cindy described the position as fun and great for two years. However, she found it difficult to be in the position for four years and maintain the same energy level. As such, she would not be running for a second term. She told the members that shadowing provided a great opportunity to learn about the position.
- Kathy Willmering stepped forward to discuss the Visiting Artist event with Diane Fitzgerald scheduled for 02/26/2016 – 02/28/2016.
 - Diane Fitzgerald will give a presentation on Friday night. The presentation is open to all members.
 - Four classes will be held over the weekend. There will not be any kits available for purchase because all of the materials are readily available at local bead stores and online. Knot Just Beads has offered to order the materials before or as of 01/31/2016. Orders must be prepaid.
 - The brochure for the event was available at the meeting.
 - Lunch is optional.
 - The deadline for registration is 02/13/2016.
 - Helen Dahms asked if members could bring friends that are not part of LBS to the Friday night presentation. The event has been promoted as a members-only activity. The question will be brought before the Board.
- Cindy Collins stated that LBS may have a second Visiting Artist in 2016, perhaps in September.
- Cindy Collins discussed the upcoming general program meetings.
 - February: Lariat Hands-On at St Dominic's Parish Activity Center. Mary Hottinger created the piece. The lariat will probably not be completed at the activity. The basic kit will be provided free-of-charge to members who attend the meeting; otherwise, the kit will be \$10 for guests or members who are unable to attend the meeting. A \$5 add-on kit had to be ordered by the end of the meeting.
 - March: The program will spotlight a local bead shop. The guest will describe how they got into the business, their interests and journey, trends, specific services and products.
 - April: Chain Maille Hands-On at St Dominic's Parish Activity Center. Members and guests will learn the helm weave.
 - May: The program will spotlight a local bead shop.
- Table Talk will now be conducted quarterly. The next one will be at the April meeting.

Vice-President – Special Events; Maureen Bartz

- As Vice-President of Special Events, Maureen Bartz is responsible for the non-monthly activities such as the retreats, bead-ins, and bead challenges.
- The 2016 is a three-day event scheduled for 03/18/2016 – 03/20/2016. The cost is \$35 for the entire weekend and includes a Goody Bag. Classes will be offered for an additional fee. Lunch is optional. Maureen Bartz explained that food is not allowed in the open areas of the hotel, but could be consumed in the individual hotel rooms. Registration forms are available on the website. Some of the important deadlines include:
 - Hotel registration – 02/19/2016
 - Class registration – 02/23/2016
 - Lunch registration – 02/28/2016
- The Bead-In is an all-day event. The Spring Bead-In is scheduled for 05/07/2016 at the Muskego Public Library. Classes will be offered at the activity; details and registration will be available at the next program meeting. Lunch is optional.
- The Bead Challenge is an annual event in which the members create a project based on a theme designated by the Special Events Committee. Members then vote for the winning pieces.
- The Milwaukee Bead Show is held in October. LBS has a booth at the Show in order to publicize LBS and sell kits, etc.

- The Special Events Committee meets on the second Wednesday of every month at Panera's on Greenfield and is open to all members. The next meeting is different and will be held on 02/03/2016. The meeting dates are listed in the calendar section of the LBS website.

Treasurer; Allyn Steffen

- Allyn Steffen is in the second year of her two year term.
- She is responsible for keeping track of money and reports the financial activity to the Board.
- The qualifications include honesty and knowledge of Excel.

Secretary; Becky Prusak

- The Secretary is responsible for taking notes and preparing the minutes for the Board and Program meetings.
- The position also maintains the volunteer database.
- Shadowing will provide an opportunity to learn more about the Secretary position.

Community Service Coordinator; Jan Mueller

- The Community Service Coordinator works with the public, both teaching and learning.
- Helen Dahms stepped forward to describe the Cinderella Project. It is a nationwide program that provides young women with prom dresses. LBS participates by providing jewelry to coordinate with the dresses. A Bead-In for the Cinderella Project is scheduled for 02/06/2016 at the New Belin Public Library from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.
- Jan Mueller described the program at the VA Hospital in which LBS volunteers teach participants how to create a specific piece of jewelry.
- LBS volunteers have also worked with Brookfield Public Library patrons in the past to create a memory wire bracelet.
- Jan Mueller indicated that there will be a need for another coordinator next year.
- A member of the audience suggested a silent auction to benefit an organization.

Librarian; Julie Miller

- The books in the LBS library are donated. Julie Miller brings a selection of books to each program meeting. The list of books is available on the LBS website. If a member would like to receive a specific title, the request must be made to Julie by noon on the Saturday preceding the program meeting. Anyone interested in donating to the library should speak with Julie Miller.
- Julie Miller coordinates the LBS Rummage Sale. She will be working with Ruth Maegli this year. The rummage sale is held on the last Saturday in July at the Excellence Center in Waukesha. The event allows members to sell jewelry and beading-related items.

Website Coordinator; Carol Surges

- In the interest of time, Carol Surges will provide a ten minute tour of the website at a future meeting.
- The position is for three years.
- The responsibilities include photography, developing content for the website and maintaining the Facebook account.

Membership Committee; Kathy VanDemark

- Pat Harvey greeted members.
- Kathy VanDemark introduced three guests.
- Kathy VanDemark is in her last year of a four year term.
- She is responsible for maintaining the membership database. She indicated that it takes time, but she has it down to a system.
- LBS currently has 152+ members as compared to 250 members at the end of last year.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Becky Prusak, Secretary