

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

## ***Membership Business Meeting***

February 15, 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 108 members in attendance and 3 guests, one of whom rejoined LBS, and two who became new members.

### **Call to Order**

Katy Hess called the meeting to order at 6:50. She announced the Board decision to suspend the newsletter due to the lack of a coordinator.

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

- Entries for the contest are due March 31. Amy Burns will be accepting entries at the meeting.

### **Officer/Committee Reports**

*President; Katy Hess*

- Nothing reported.

*Past President; Kathy Merrill*

- Nothing reported.

*President-Elect; Bonnie DeSautelle*

- Nothing reported.

*Vice-President – Programming; Cindy Collins*

- Members may bring nonmembers to the Friday night lecture by Diane Fitzgerald. Membership status will not be checked at the door. Seating is on a first-come-first-serve basis.
- Three of the four Diane Fitzgerald classes are sold out. There are only a few seats left for the Riveted Bracelet class.
- Interesting Information about the lariat project:
  - Over 100 volunteer hours spent on sourcing, shopping, organizing, kitting, and table captain training
  - Volunteers made 170 kits.
  - The kits utilized 4,000 feet of wire, 4,700 crimps, 3,000 grams of seed beads and 30,000 miscellaneous beads/other items.
  - The basic kit value is over \$26, but by bulk shopping, LBS was able to put the kits together for \$12.
- Cindy Collins provided some tips for making the lariat and indicated that the project would not be completed at the meeting.

*Vice-President – Special Events; Maureen Bartz*

- Maureen Bartz reminded members of the upcoming deadlines for the Retreat.
- She highlighted several of the classes offered at the Retreat.
- Maureen Bartz reviewed the hotel food policy and announced that the hotel restaurant was now open.
- The LBS lightbox will be available at the Retreat for photographing jewelry.
- The Spring Bead-In will be on May 7 at the Muskego Public Library. Irina Miesch will teach two wirework classes at the Bead-In. Both classes will be \$39 each.

*Treasurer; Allyn Steffen*

- Nothing reported.

*Secretary; Becky Prusak*

- Nothing reported.

*Community Service Coordinator; Jan Mueller*

- The VA activity will be from 6:00pm – 8:30pm on April 13. Participants will make a Byzantine Bracelet. Volunteers are needed.
- Helen Dahms stepped forward to discuss the Bead-in for the Cinderella Project. Participants completed all 50 rings. No date has been set for the Cinderella Project. The committee will accept donations at the March membership meeting.

*Website Coordinator; Carol Surges*

- Nothing reported.

*Membership Committee; Kathy VanDemark*

- Lory Jannes greeted members.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

Becky Prusak, Secretary