

Loose Bead Society of Greater Milwaukee

Membership Business Meeting

May 16, 2016

New Berlin Public Library

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

Unable to attend: Kathy Merrill

Meeting Attendance

There were 70 members in attendance.

Call to Order

Katy Hess called the meeting to order at 6:50.

Officer/Committee Reports

President; Katy Hess

- Nothing reported.

Past President; Kathy Merrill

- Absent

President-Elect; Bonnie DeSautelle

- Volunteer opportunities at the Bead & Button Show include checking bags, selling raffle tickets and providing vendor relief.
- Bead & Button Show Badges were available for pick up at the meeting.

Vice-President – Programming; Cindy Collins

- The 2015 charm patterns are available on the website. Carol Surges, Website Coordinator, presented a brief overview of the LBS website, highlighting the section containing the charm patterns.

Vice-President – Special Events; Maureen Bartz

- Thirty-three people attended the Spring Bead-In. The morning class had 12 attendees while the afternoon class had 19 attendees.
- Maureen announced the Leap Year Challenge.
 - Participants will receive a packet of four beads, each representing a year.
 - Natural stone bead
 - Metal barrel bead
 - Potato pearl bead
 - Glass bead
 - Participants will leap at least one bead into their project.
 - Projects are due by the September Membership Meeting.
 - Entries will be judged by the members via voting.
 - Bead packets and entry forms were available at the meeting.

Rummage Sale; Julie Miller

- The Rummage Sale is scheduled for July 30, 2016 at the Excellence Center.

- Rummage sale items include beads and jewelry only.
- Set up is from 3:00 – 5:00 on Friday afternoon before the sale and 9:00 – 9:50 the day of the sale.
- Participants must be LBS members to sell.
- If sharing a table, all participants at the table must be listed on the registration form.
- It may be possible for registrants to rent more than one table.
- Tables measure 6' 2" and are \$15 each.
- Lunches will not be available for order.
- Participants will only be permitted to use the trash cans for items that actually fit in the trash can. Anything that doesn't fit must be hauled away by the participant.

Treasurer; Allyn Steffen

- Nothing reported.

Secretary; Becky Prusak

- Nothing reported.

Community Service Coordinator; Jan Mueller

- The VA sent a letter of appreciation for the chain maille activity held in April.

Rummage Committee; Julie Miller

- The Rummage Sale will be held on July 30, 2016, at the Excellence Center. Registration will begin next month.
- Changes from last year include:
 - Lunches will not be ordered. Participants are on their own.
 - All trash that does not fit in the bin must be removed separately.

Website Coordinator; Carol Surges

- Carol Surges presented an overview of the LBS website.

Membership Committee; Kathy VanDemark

- Kathy VanDemark introduced one guest.
- LBS currently has 205 members.

Table Talk

None.

Program

As part of the continuing spotlight on local bead stores, Kim Rueth, owner of Knot Just Beads, participated in a question and answer session with Cindy Collins. She spoke of her early start in beading and her store history.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30.

Becky Prusak, Secretary