

Loose Bead Society of Greater Milwaukee

Membership Business Meeting

June 13, 2016

New Berlin Public Library

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

Unable to attend: Kathy Merrill, Jan Mueller, Becky Prusak

Meeting Attendance

There were 70 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Call to Order

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

Officer/Committee Reports

Past President; Kathy Merrill

- Absent

President-Elect; Bonnie DeSautelle

- Bonnie thanked everyone who Volunteered at the Bead & Button Show and asked everyone for any feedback or suggestions for next year.
- We used the marudai as a raffle prize and it got the most entries.

Treasurer – Allyn Steffen

- Announced that Judy Walker was offering copies of her book, The Beaded Sphere, free to anyone interested for just \$3 to cover the cost of shipping.
- This is Judy's contribution to the beading community as a thank you for her years of beading enjoyment and the success of her book. Because she is moving, she is giving books away rather than pay the freight to have them moved to her new location.
- Allyn took the names of interested members, and collected the \$3. She will communicate with Judy to arrange to receive and distribute the books.

Vice-President – Special Events; Maureen Bartz

- Maureen reviewed the criteria for this year's Challenge: Leap Year
 - 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; Ruth Maegli

- The Rummage Sale is scheduled for July 30, 2016 at the Excellence Center.
- Rummage sale items include beads and jewelry related items 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 be the responsibility of each participant
- 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.

President; Katy Hess

- Kalmbach is looking for feedback on the new website : Facet.
- Election of officers is coming up in November. Katy called for volunteers to form a nominating committee
- Officers to be elected this year are: President Elect, Community Service Chair, Membership Chair, Programming Chair
- Bonnie added comments about being President Elect
- A Member suggested that officer job descriptions be made available. They will be posted on the LBS website
- The Bead & Button Show is a significant fund raiser for the society. Results from this year's show were not yet available.

Secretary; Becky Prusak

- absent

Community Service Coordinator; Jan Mueller

- absent

Website Coordinator; Carol Surges

- Carol Surges presented an overview of the LBS website.

Membership Committee; Lory Jannis

- Lory introduced one guest.

Table Talk

None.

Vice-President – Programming; Cindy Collins

- The July and August meetings will be at the New Berlin Library as usual, September meeting will be a hands-on at St Dominic's.
- Cindy introduced guest speaker: Diane Whiting, author of the book, Convertible Crystal Designs.

Program

- Diane gave a presentation of her history and the development of the concept of making jewelry pieces convertible. Convertible jewelry can be worn in a variety of ways and has more value to buyers.
- Diane presented a variety of creations and described the design features that make them convertible.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20

Allyn Steffen, Treasurer, for Becky Prusak, Secretary