

Loose Bead Society of Greater Milwaukee

Membership Business Meeting

September 19, 2016

St. Dominic's Parish Activity Center

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

Unable to attend: Allyn Steffen, Kathy Merrill

Meeting Attendance

There were 85 members in attendance.

Call to Order

Katy Hess called the meeting to order at 6:56.

Officer/Committee Reports

President; Katy Hess

- President's Trip to Diakonos and Spry Whimsy in Stoughton
 - The date of the trip is October 20, 2016. Participants should arrive at Goerkes Corner at 8:45. The bus will leave at 9:00. Participants will leave Stoughton at 3:30 and arrive back at Goerkes Corner at 5:00.
 - Participants will be creating a felted necklace with charms.
 - The cost of the trip is \$38.
- Katy Hess announced the nominations.
 - Vice-President, Programming: Deb Dunn
 - Secretary: Susan Beal
 - President-Elect: Still looking for someone. Interested members should speak with Katy Hess, Bonnie DeSautelle or Kathy Willmering.
- Jan Mueller is stepping down as Community Service Coordinator. Katy Hess will coordinate the event at the Brookfield Library in December.

Past President; Kathy Merrill

- Nothing reported.

President-Elect; Bonnie DeSautelle

- Nothing reported.

Vice-President – Programming; Cindy Collins

- October meeting – Elections, Annual Business Meeting and Challenge pieces.
- November meeting – Local Bead Store Spotlight – Eclectica
- December meeting – Annual Celebration
- LBS registration for 2017 begins at the October meeting. The dues will increase from \$24 to \$30. The price increase is necessary to maintain the level of service to the large number of members in the organization.

Vice-President – Special Events; Maureen Bartz

- Participating members should submit their Challenge pieces tonight. The pieces can be mailed to Maureen, but she must receive them this week.
- The voting for the Challenge pieces will be at the next meeting. The scholarship recipient, Cory O'Brien Borkowski, will be judging the entries in order to confer a special award.
- The Fall Bead-In is scheduled for November 5, 2016, at the New Berlin Public Library.
 - The cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for nonmembers.

- An optional lunch will be offered from Great Wraps at a cost of \$10.
- A free project will be available. In honor of National Button Day on November 16, registrants may choose to make a Button Bracelet. Participants should bring two pairs of plyers.
- Registration forms can be submitted tonight or mailed to Becky Prusak at the address on the form.
- The Milwaukee Bead Show is on October 2. LBS will have a booth at the show. Volunteers will be demonstrating different techniques.

Treasurer; Allyn Steffen

- Nothing reported.

Secretary; Becky Prusak

- Nothing reported.

Community Service Coordinator

- Position is open.

Website Coordinator; Carol Surges

- Nothing reported.

Membership Committee; Kathy VanDemark

- Kat Feldman introduced one new member.

Table Talk

None.

Program

The peyote stich is a versatile stich, but the patterns can be difficult to read. The hands-on program provided instruction and practice to members in learning to read peyote patterns. Members started the process with practicing the peyote stich using Perler beads in place of Japanese cylinder beads and with a simple peyote pattern. Table captains then introduced a second, more complex pattern. Members were given a kit to take home that contained Delicas in order to complete the last pattern in the instruction packet, a leaf. Cindy Collins announced that there would be a "Peyote Corner" at the Fall Bead-In for members seeking assistance.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00.

Becky Prusak, Secretary