

**Loose Bead Society of Greater Milwaukee**  
**Membership Business Meeting**  
February 20, 2017  
**St. Dominic's Parish Activity Center**

**Board members in attendance:** Bonnie DeSautelle, Maureen Bartz, Deb Dunn, Kat Feldman, Pat Harvey, Carol Surges, Kathy Willmering

**Unable to attend:** Katy Hess, Allyn Steffen

**Meeting Attendance:** 74 members

**Call to Order:** President Bonnie DeSautelle called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm.

**Officer/Committee Reports**

*President, Bonnie DeSautelle*

- 3 new attendees were asked to introduce themselves

*Past President; Katy Hess*

- Unable to attend

*President-Elect: Tris Withington*

- Spoke about various Bead and Button Show Activities
  - Registration fee for B&B is waived for LBS members. There is no place on the registration form to indicate you are a LBS member. If you have already signed up for a class/es see Tris to make sure your fee is waived. If you decide to register at a later date also make sure to contact Tris.
  - Big Bead & Jewelry Bash on Saturday 6/10
  - Moonlight Madness on Tuesday 6/6
  - Meet the Teachers on Friday 6/10
  - Tris is looking for volunteers to man the LBS booth/bag check. The LBS booth will be inside the Marketplace this year.
  - Bead and Button catalogs were available for members at the meeting,
  - Bead and Button is adding new classes, so make sure to check for them.

*Vice President – Programming; Deb Dunn*

- If you have not already completed the survey, make sure to take the time to do so. The survey provides valuable information that is used to make the LBS experience better for all members.
- A new “tip” report was presented that offered information about eye strain and the use of rewetting drops. The addition of “tips” to the meeting are in direct response to the information that was gathered from the surveys submitted.

*Vice President – Special Events; Maureen Bartz*

- The February Bead In had a nice turnout and everyone had a good time.
- Retreat is full for the second year in a row. Those members already registered can still add classes until February 28<sup>th</sup>.

*Community Service – Pat Harvey*

- There will be a paracord bracelet project at the VA Hospital on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Training will be held at Pat Harvey's home on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. See Pat if you wish to volunteer for this project.

*Librarian; Julie Miller*

- Make sure to check out lots of books so Julie doesn't have to transport them.

*Website Coordinator; Carol Surges*

- Nothing reported.

*Membership; Kathy Willmering*

- LBS membership is about 135 to 140 members.

*.Treasurer; Allyn Steffen*

- Unable to attend.

*Secretary*

- Position is open.

**Table Talk**

None.

**Program**

An overview of the instructions to make 2 Boho chic bracelets was presented by Deb Dunn at the start of the program and Table Captains then backed up the instructions with hands on information. Printed instructions were also provided. The bracelets were made by arranging beads on a piece of wire and then securing leather to the wire to finish the bracelet. The “hard part” was in determining the correct length of the bracelet. Skills to make the bracelets included making wrapped loops, a larks head knot and attaching the leather to the findings.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

Maureen Bartz, VP – Special Events