

Loose Bead Society of Greater Milwaukee

Business Meeting

March 15, 2010

New Berlin Public Library

Board members in attendance: Kathy Brier, Cindy Collins, Helen Dahms, Julie Miller, Traci Otte, Brenda Schweder, Amy Smith, Kathy Willmering.

Unable to attend: Nancy Langlas.

Call to Order

- President Brenda Schweder called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed everyone. She expressed her thanks to all who contributed to the success of the retreat.
- Kathy Brier has had to resign as Community Service Coordinator. Brenda asked members to consider this position and contact her if interested.

Officer/Committee Reports

Special Events; Kat Feldman

- Retreat. Feedback has been great. The committee will meet Monday, March 22 at Panera on Greenfield in New Berlin at 6:00 pm to discuss the retreat evaluations and the theme for the 2010 challenge.

Community Service; Kathy Brier

- Brier expressed her regret at resigning due to her new work schedule. She will be glad to help a new coordinator with the transition.
- Current projects are ongoing.

President-Elect; Helen Dahms

- Displaying/selling member work. The Wisconsin Handweavers Guild holds a show and sale annually at New Berlin Public Library. Three board members attended last year, including Amy Smith, who promoted our group to the guild. The guild has invited us to participate in their event this year from Oct. 28-31.
- The "Show and Sell Committee," as Helen has dubbed it, will meet Monday, March 22, at 6:00 pm at Panera on Greenfield in New Berlin.
- Member rummage sale. The sale has been scheduled for August 7 at New Berlin Public Library.
- Display. Member work will be featured in the display case at New Berlin Public Library in May. Details will be announced in April.

Secretary; Julie Miller

- Logo update. A graphics design class at Mount Mary College will update our logo as a class project. Brenda, Helen and Julie will attend the class on March 24 to provide information about LBS to the class.

Treasurer; Amy Smith

- Amy reported the February beginning and ending balances, total revenues and expenses.

Membership; Kathy Willmering

- A new member and 3 guests were welcomed.
- Attendance at the program: 63 members, 3 guests, and 1 presenter.

Newsletter; Brenda Schweder for Nancy Langlas

- The deadline for the June issue will be a little early so copies of the newsletter can be printed for distribution at the Bead&Button Show.

Website; Traci Otte

- There are 63 fans of LBS on Facebook, which is a bit short of our goal. The new goal is 70 fans by the April meeting.
- Expand Your Horizons page. There will be a new page on our website on how LBS has helped members expand their horizons. Included will be a picture of the member, an item she has made, and a brief statement about how the member's horizons were expanded. The goal for next month is five members who are not board members.

Programming; Cindy Collins

- Future programs:
In April, Jim Kelly will speak about beading in the Native American culture. The table talk theme will be peyote stitch.
The May meeting will feature Maggie Roschyk on how to transition from execution to design. The table talk theme will be buttons.
The June 14 program, one week earlier than normal, will be how to use Beadalon products. This will be a busy hands-on program, therefore there will be no table talk.
- Table talk themes for July through December:
July: beading on a budget; bring a bracelet or necklace for which the total cost does not exceed \$5.00.
August: beads reborn; upcycle an old piece, turning it into something else.
September: lampwork beads; bring one from your collection.
October: unique materials (something not normally used).
November: global beading.
December: celestial.
- Program Committee. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18 at 6:30 at Beth Janacek's office in the Wells Fargo building on Mayfair Road.
- Set-Up Committee. The program committee is looking for volunteers to set up the meeting room from 6:00 until 6:30 pm prior to each program.

Table Talk and Announcements

- 15 members showed items with an Irish or green theme.
Cindy expressed her appreciation for how well table talk is going. She reminded members that self promotion materials may be left on the table and posted on Facebook.

Program

- Jill Erickson, associate editor at *Art Jewelry* magazine, demonstrated torch-fired enamel.

Julia E. Miller, Secretary