

## **Loose Bead Society of Greater Milwaukee**

Business Meeting

April 19, 2010

New Berlin Public Library

Board members in attendance: Cindy Collins, Helen Dahms, Kat Feldman, 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 6:59 pm and welcomed everyone.
- Member Abby Goetter passed away on March 29 of cancer. We will make a donation to a charity in her name; Brenda will contact Abby's cousin Renee Corya about this.

### **Officer/Committee Reports**

#### *President; Brenda Schweder*

- Community Service Chairperson. Please see Brenda if interested in serving. This activity is vital to our 501(c)3 status. Give chemo caps to Kat Feldman or Brenda tonight.

#### *President-Elect; Helen Dahms*

- Bead&Button Show. Promotional materials are available on the membership table; please take poster if you can place them. The volunteer sign-up sheet is available; sign up to check bags, sell raffle tickets, or relieve vendors. Table captains are also needed. Free tickets will be provided to each volunteer.
- Kalmbach has asked for help with the bead social from 6:00 until 11:00 pm; volunteers will receive admission to the social and a free subscription. Let Helen know if interested; names will be drawn.
- Display Opportunities. New Berlin Public Library Showcase. The committee will be meeting next Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the NBPL conference room to prepare the display. Drop off pieces that evening or get to Helen beforehand.
- Rummage Sale. The sale will be August 7.

#### *Special Events; Kat Feldman*

- Retreat. The 2011 retreat will be March 11-13 in Racine.
- Challenge. Metamorphosis. Find a picture of a butterfly or a moth. Use any medium; the piece must contain at least one bead. Describe in 100 words or less how the picture inspired the piece. Forms are available tonight and on the website. Pieces are due July 19. A members' choice award will be granted that night. Pieces will be judged; winners will be announced at the August meeting.

#### *Secretary; Julie Miller*

- Logo Update. The Mount Mary College graphics class presented their designs and the board will review them at the next board meeting.

#### *Treasurer; Amy Smith*

- Amy reported the March beginning and ending balances, total revenues and expenses. The finances are in good shape following the retreat.
- Amy attended a seminar on nonprofit finances.

### *Membership; Kathy Willmering*

- 3 new members and 3 guests were welcomed.
- 2010 membership directory is available to be picked up.
- We have 145 members.
- Attendance at the program: 68 members (4 new), one of whom was the presenter, 3 guests.

### *Newsletter; Brenda Schweder for Nancy Langlas*

- The deadline for the June issue is May 11; ads are due May 21.

### *Website; Traci Otte*

- Facebook. Bead&Button Show employment opportunities will be posted on Facebook. Facebook membership is now 83; the goal is 90 for May. Send photos of your studio.
- Expand Your Horizons page. Send photos to Traci.
- Global Bead Society. There is a new Facebook page; the goal is 25 fans by May meeting. Brenda noted that we are partnering with the South Florida Jewelry Arts Guild for a meeting at the Bead&Button Show again this year.

### *Programming; Cindy Collins*

- Future programs:  
The May 10 meeting, a week earlier than normal, will feature Maggie Roschyk on how to transition from execution to design.  
The June 14 program, one week earlier than normal, will be how to use Beadalon products.  
July – hands on micro-macrame  
August – A representative of Blue Buddha Boutique will talk about chain maille  
September – how to successfully sell your stuff; panel discussion  
October – election and an abbreviated program on vocabulary  
November – hands-on spiral rope bracelet  
2011 – the committee is working on a possible program with Christi Friesen.
- Table talk themes:  
May – buttons  
June – none, due to the length of the program  
July: patriotic OR beading on a budget; bring a bracelet or necklace for which the entire piece does not cost more than \$5.00. May do either or combine.

### **Table Talk**

- 6 members showed items made with peyote (gourd) stitch.

### **Program**

- Jim Kelly, of Oneida nation, spoke about raised beadwork.

Julia E. Miller, Secretary