

## **GVR Clay Studio of Green Valley MINUTES**

Board of Directors Meeting April 15, 2016 Fiesta Room

The meeting was called to order at 8:59 a.m. by Julie Jacques, President.

Board Members present:

Julie Jacques, President

Jim FitzGerald, Vice President

Karen Hays, Treasurer

Tim Stewart, Assistant Treasurer

Sue Peetoom, Secretary

Ron Cox, Director

Gary Ballew, Director

Tim Taff, Director

Kent Amerman, Director

Jeannie Stewart, Past President

Jack Ernest, Parliamentarian

Members Absent:

None

The agenda was accepted.

The minutes of the March 18, 2016 Board of Directors meeting were approved.

### Board Member Reports

President Julie Jacques:

Mentioned the “Thank You” notes received from the three members whose dues were waived - Mike Kearns, Jon Otto, Jack Ernest.

The totem tour was a success, with a write-up and photos in the Green Valley News.

The volunteer luncheon was wonderful.

Notice has been received that the parking lot at the Clay Studio will be paved in July. Notification of any changes to the opening of the Studio during that period will be given at a later date.

Vice President Jim FitzGerald: Sign up sheet is available. Please sign in if you have not already done so. Allows GVR to see the room is being used as reserved.

Secretary Sue Peetoom: Nothing to report.

Treasurer Karen Hays: Reviewed the financial statements and reports. Income is \$7,890.00. Equity \$66,865.43. 342 members at the end of March.

### Committee Reports

Education: Judy Amerman passed out the proposed Class Schedule for the Fall and Winter 2016 sessions. Reviewed and discussed.

Motion made by Gary Ballew to approve Jane Walker as an instructor. Seconded by Tim Stewart.

Approved as moved.

Motion made by Ron Cox, seconded by Sue Peetoom, to approve the classes of Fall and Winter 2016/2017. Approved as moved.

Facilities: Jay Groothousen announced that the drains were cleaned out again after being plugged by clay, with flooding occurring on the back patio. A solution must be found for this problem or it will continue to happen on a regular basis. The new extruder arrived and was installed in the Handbuilding Room. The Spring Cleanup is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27.

Finance: Tim Stewart indicated there had been no meeting, as everything was fine; no report.

Membership: Julie Jacques introduced the new Membership Form. Some small changes, with more emphasis on volunteering. Suggestion given by Jack Ernest that a change be made on the form by eliminating "by signing this membership form", and substitute "by renewing your membership", as many members do not sign the forms when renewing. Julie also reported Kathleen Richter will handle the membership records while Mike Kearns is on vacation this summer.

Monitors: No report.

Supplies: No report.

Social: Jeannie Stewart reported the Volunteer Luncheon went very well. The next Social will be at Christmastime, 2016. Jeannie also mentioned that the Social Committee members are so helpful and fantastic.

IT: Jack Ernest indicated the IT Committee will do a clean-up of the computers and related equipment during the afternoon of April 27, after the dust of the Spring Clean-up has settled.

Kilns: Jack Ernest said the kilns were working well, and the committee is currently working on the summer schedule. New Raku Co-Chairpersons are Jan Kochendorfer and Rob Alstaetter.

Bylaws: Lois Plante indicated she had nothing to report at this time.

Nominations: Jim Fitzgerald indicated that Cyndee Remington, Bud Montgomery, and Russ Nichols have volunteered to be nominees for the three positions opening on the Board this fall. Motion made by Jim Fitzgerald, seconded by Ron Cox, to approve these individuals as nominees. Motion approved.

### Member Comments

Diane Ernest indicated she attended the meeting of GVR and the architects regarding the changes suggested by various clubs, which clubs need additional room, financing of any new facilities.

Cyndee Remington spoke on the occasional confusion of who can use the studio, who becomes members, etc. General discussion.

Judy Amerman stated that Nancy Schulz will be stepping down from the Education Committee Chair position at the end of 2016. Requested suggestions and recommendations on a new chairperson.

### Unfinished Business

Karen Hays mentioned that new bank accounts are now open. Checks by members may be made out in a variety of formats: “Clay Studio”, “GVR Clay Studio”, “Clay Studio of Green Valley”, and all will be accepted by the bank. Discussion held.

### New Business

Julie Jacques indicated action would be needed to suspend the Board of Directors meetings during the summer months. Tim Stewart moved that the Board meetings be suspended until September 16, 2016. Seconded by Gary Ballew. Motion approved.

Lois Planted reminded everyone that workshops in-house are OK, but that classes must be approved through GVR and the person teaching the class[es] must also be approved as instructors. Also, in the classes, the students must use materials purchased at the Studio. Discussion held on gels and oxides use on greenware. Lois agreed to re-sign the gels.

Diane Ernest requested summer Introduction to Clay classes. Discussion held regarding difficulties of doing so due to availability of instructors and summer kiln schedule.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

### Important Dates:

April 27, 2016 Studio Clean Up - 9:00 a.m.

September 16, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting - 9:00 a.m. - Fiesta Room