

GVR Clay Studio of Green Valley MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting February 17, 2017 Fiesta Room

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Julie Jacques, President.

Board Members present:

Julie Jacques, President

Gary Ballew, Vice President

Karen Hays, Treasurer

Cyndee Remington, Asst. Treasurer

Sue Peetoom, Secretary

Bud Montgomery, Director

Russ Nichols, Director

Ron Cox, Director

Dan Swartz, Director

Jack Ernest, Parliamentarian

Members Absent:

Jeannie Stewart, Past President

The agenda for the February Board of Directors Meeting was accepted.

The minutes of the January 20, 2017 Board of Directors meeting were approved as written.

Board Member Reports

President Julie Jacques: The Canoa Hills show was a great success, and the Open House as well. Julie thanked the respective committees for their hard work. Gary Ballew was thanked for his signs. Discussion held regarding some possible changes to the Open House activities.

Vice President Gary Ballew: Currently working with GVR on the schedules and contracts for the various meeting rooms, and will be entering into the Clay Studio calendar shortly. Chairpersons of committees must notify Gary of cancellation of meetings, or GVR will charge Clay Studio for non-use of space.

Secretary Sue Peetoom: Nothing to report.

Treasurer Karen Hays: Reviewed the financial statements. As of end of January 2017, there is \$15,000 in Reserve, as mandated; Checking Account \$28,500.39; Investment Account \$45,017.34; Operating Capital \$47,959.80; Net Income is \$10,857.93; Total Equity \$73,817.73. Currently Studio is maintaining budgetary guidelines. 304 members have paid their 2017 dues.

Committee Reports

Education: Cyndee Remington reported that the new Intro Kit is working well. Kiln Committee will reject unstable pieces sent to be fired, noting to owners why. Discussion held on individuals entering class rooms and causing disruptions by speaking to students or offering advice; they will be asked to leave. Discussion held by Education Committee [EC] regarding GVR's move to only on-line evaluations, without feedback to instructors. Judy Ammerman will prepare paper evaluations and students will be asked to complete them so that the EC can provide feedback to the instructors. Intro Classes are going well. Katy Casey continues to handle the display windows. The Field Trip in March will be to the Desert Hills Art Museum, with several people already signed up.

Maintenance & Security. Jay Groothousen reported that GVR has fixed the roof leak. Other repairs and maintenance are being scheduled. Drainage improvements are being looked into, with possible new traps being fabricated to handle the Studio's problem. Currently wheelroom users are taking clay water out to the back patio for later disposal instead of allowing it to go down the drains.

Finance: No report.

Membership: No report.

Monitors: No report.

Supplies: Some issues with obtaining glaze in gallon containers in a timely manner from Marjon's; direct purchase from Laguna, Coyote, Amaco, Georgie's etc. is a viable option, but will only be used as needed, since the cost of the glaze is the same, with shipping charged on top of the glaze price by the manufacturers.

Social: Julie Jacques reported for the Social Committee that the Volunteers' Luncheon will be held April 6 at Our Lady of the Valley Church. Vince Ercolani and Jay Groothousen will be the chefs.

IT: Jack Ernest reported that a new monitor was purchased to replace the one at the Monitors' library station that failed. It will be replaced at the end of this meeting.

Kilns: Still having problems with individuals applying too much glaze, resulting in running onto the kiln shelves. Lots of pieces being sent to the kilns. As reported by Education Committee, pieces that are deemed unstable will not be fired, but returned to the owners, in order to protect the other pieces in the kiln.

Bylaws & Policies: No report.

Member Comments

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Short discussion on the Studio being open on Easter. Consensus was yes, therefore GVR will be notified.

Discussion of use of the copier by instructors for classroom handouts. Russ Nichols moved, seconded by Cyndee Remington, that instructors who have made numerous copies in the recent past be requested to reimburse the studio for those copies, as the Studio no longer receives revenue from GVR for classes. Policy going forward will be class instructors must print all handouts outside of the Studio; Workshops will be exempt.

Discussion held on items left on shelves for extended periods of time. It was agreed that Kiln Committee members/Monitors/Board members may move items as asked if they are inappropriately placed [i.e. small flat plate in a space for a large, tall vase] or the shelf space is needed for current items and the item is known to have been in place for more than 30 days. Items cannot be stored long-term on shelves. Members will be requested to place name AND dates on each piece, and anything over approx. a month will be removed onto the back patio, and from there into recycling [pugged clay] or thrown in the trash. There should be a three-day limit for use of molds. Empty rack, boards, and plastic will be removed immediately. Signs will be made and an article for the newsletter will be written.

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Important Dates:

March 17, 2017	9:30 a.m.	BOD/Membership Meeting	Fiesta Room
April 20, 2017		Volunteer Luncheon	Our Lady of the Valley Church