

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

Board of Directors Meeting September 29, 2017 Fiesta Room

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 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

Russ Nichols, Director

Dan Swartz, Director

Jack Ernest, Parliamentarian

Members Absent:

Ron Cox, Director

Bud Montgomery, Director

Jeannie Stewart, Past President

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

The minutes of the April 21, 2017 Board of Directors meeting were approved as written.

### Board Member Reports

President Julie Jacques: There are two new Chairs – Sue McCoy for the Library Committee, and John Carney for the Glaze Committee. If anyone is interested in riding on the GVR White Elephant Parade, please contact Julie Jacques. The GVR Fun & Fitness Day will be in January and information will be posted at a later date. Per GVR, the contract between GVR Clay Studio of Green Valley and GVR will be sent by GVR in October. On January 12, 2018, there will be the annual meeting for club officers and members hosted by GVR; time and place to be announced at a later date.

Vice President Gary Ballew: Gary indicated he had received response to the new scheduling form for 2018, and will be forwarding to the Committees for their requests. He asked that the completed forms to be returned as soon as possible, so that he can forward them to GVR.

Secretary Sue Peetoom: Nothing to report.

Treasurer Karen Hays: Reviewed the financial statements. As of end of August 2017, there is

\$15,000 in Reserve, as mandated; Checking Account \$21,228.47; Investment Account \$55,023.62; Operating Capital \$47,984.20; Net Income is \$13,567.89; Total Equity \$76,552.09. Currently there are 371 members.

### Committee Reports

Education: Cyndee Remington reported that there are four new members on the Education Committee. Peggy McGaughey is the new Secretary. Connie Davis has scheduled and is making arrangements for three field trips in January, February, and April 2018. Details will be forthcoming. Desert Hills has been reserved for the February show. Classes are going well. The summer Intro classes were a success, as were the new glazing and handbuilding classes. Again, the Education Committee reiterated that nothing from outside the Studio [glaze, clay, etc.] may be used in the Studio without prior approval.

Maintenance & Security. Jay Groothousen reported there were no major roof leaks during Monsoon 2017. There was a pack rat problem on the back patio that has been resolved. A new charcoal filter was installed on the water fountain after complaints regarding the taste of the water; this seems to have resolved the issue. Oxides and Clay water is still to be dumped outside in the buckets on the back patio until further notice. Current clean-up policies [wiping out/off all excess glaze, etc. from items prior to final rinsing in the sinks] seems to have helped the problem concerning blocked drains.

Finance: No report.

Membership: No report.

Monitors: Diane Willcutt reported the summer coverage by monitors was pretty good. With the summer classes it was a bit more difficult, but coverage was handled.

Supplies: Sue Peetoom reported that ordering and purchasing was relatively slow in during the summer, but September purchases were geared up to stock the Studio for the coming “busy” months.

Social: Julie Jacques reported on behalf of the Social Committee that the Christmas party is scheduled for the first Friday in December. Details will be announced at a later date.

IT: Jack Ernest reported that the change in the airflow has helped with the dust situation in the IT equipment. Three new backup systems were installed during the summer.

Kilns: Katy Casey reported all is going well. Two motors were replaced during the summer.

Discussion held on the products to be used in lieu of Shellac. After discussion with Scutt Kilns, they indicated that Mod Podge was a relatively benign product and they did not see a problem in use in the kilns. Wax was also suggested.

Bylaws & Policies: No report.

Nominations. Julie Jacques, John Carney, and Marcia Campbell are running for the three Board positions, elections in November.

Member Comments

Julie Jacques welcomed those members in attendance and asked if anyone had any comments. There were no comments from the membership.

Unfinished Business

Let the minutes show that the fall and winter classes were approved via email in April.

New Business

Sue Peetoom moved, seconded by Cyndee Remington, that the Studio be open Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year if there is a monitor. Passed unanimously.

Russ Nichols moved, Dan Swartz seconded, that dues be waived in 2018 for Jack Ernest, Jon Otto, and Mike Kearns. Passed unanimously.

A letter of resignation from the position of Past President was received from Jeannie Stewart due to reasons of health. Sue Peetoom moved, seconded by Gary Ballew, that the letter be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding filling the now-vacant position of Past President. Sue Peetoom moved, seconded by Cyndee Remington, that Jack Ernest be appointed to the position. Motion unanimously passed.

Julie Jacques presented a revised 2018 membership form to include a hold-harmless paragraph. Short discussion held. Replacement of the word “your” to “my” in the phrase “from your presence in the Studio” was suggested. Revised form accepted.

Discussion regarding the new Cintas First Aid cabinet placed in the Studio by GVR was held. Sign to be put on the cabinet regarding use at own risk.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Important Dates:

October 20, 2017      BOD Meeting      9:30 a.m.      Fiesta Room