

GVR Clay Studio of Green Valley MINUTES

Board of Directors/Membership Meeting April 20, 2018, Fiesta Room

The meeting was called to order at 9:27 a.m. by Julie Jacques, President. Roll call was taken by Sue Peetoom, Secretary.

Board Members present:

Julie Jacques, President

Marcia Campbell, Vice President

Bud Montgomery, Treasurer

Sue Peetoom, Secretary

Cyndee Remington, Director

Dan Swartz, Director

Ron Cox, Director

John Carney, Director

Russ Nichols, Director

Jack Ernest, Parliamentarian/Past President

Visitors Present:

Jay Groothousen

Jane Ercolani

Ron Foster

The agenda for the April Board of Directors/Membership Meeting was accepted.

The minutes of the March 20, 2018 Board of Directors meeting were approved as written.

Board Member Reports

President Julie Jacques reported that on Easter morning, Sunday, April 1, the refrigerator in the studio began smoldering, the fire department was called by members present, and it was removed without any damage to the studio. Thanks to those present who handled the situation. Also thanks to Jay Groothousen for having a new replacement refrigerator in place within 26 hours. Thanks to all those who worked so hard on the Volunteer luncheon that was held on April 5, highlighted by chefs Vince Ercolani and Jay Groothousen's delicious food. Also thanks to everyone who participated the annual cleanup day, especially Katy Casey and Jay Groothousen who organized and headed the event. Nancy Shultz is retiring from her 15-year position as member and chair of the Education Committee at the end of the May meeting. Patsy Old will become chairperson at that time. Discussion was held on a possible recognition plaque or similar item. Julie Jacques also sent a letter to Karen Rans, GVR, regarding the continued disappointment regarding the scheduling problems.

Vice President Marcia Campbell: Continuing to communicate with GVR for meeting dates/schedules. In the meantime, schedules for committees will continue to be put on the studio's meeting calendar, which is available on the studio's website. Some of the committees are now meeting in the studio. Others will be encouraged to do the same, as GVR mentioned that those clubs with dedicated space should have meetings within their own areas.

Treasurer Bud Montgomery reviewed the financial statements. Membership total was 374 at the end of March; March net income was \$2,809.52.

Secretary Sue Peetoom: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Education Committee: Cyndee Remington reported that the May meeting of the Education Committee will be held at Nancy Shultz's residence. Nancy will be stepping down from her position as chair of that committee, with Potsie Old taking over the position. One person was waived into the studio during March.

Maintenance & Security: Jay Groothousen indicated the equipment is working well. Discussion was held on selling the old extruder; after a short discussion, Russ Nichols moved to have Jay sell the extruder, seconded by Bud Montgomery. Motion approved. Jay indicated that the air compressor needs to be replaced, at a cost of \$500-\$900. The Board indicated approval for this purchase.

Finance: No report.

Membership: No report.

Monitors: No report from the committee chair. Cyndee Remington mentioned membership confusion regarding the training schedules and how they should be trained. Short discussion held. Also mentioned was the transition to computerized-only scheduling, with the paper calendar being removed as of May 1.

Supplies: Sue Peetoom reported that purchasing needed items has been smooth, items needed have been available. People are notifying her in a timely manner when items are needed. It still takes 2-4 weeks to get in non-stock [from Marjon's] glazes.

Social Events: Julie Jacques reported for Brenda Melk that the annual clay studio Volunteer Luncheon was held at the Lady of the Valley Church on April 5, beginning at noon, which was again a success. At present no activities are planned until the Christmas party in December 2018.

IT Committee: Jack Ernest reported that he and Jon Otto came into the studio yesterday, April 19, 2018, and cleaned all the IT equipment. It is all up and running well.

Kiln Committee: Ron Foster reported that all was running smoothly in the kiln room.

By-laws and Policies: No report.

Nominations: No report

Member Comments

None.

Unfinished Business

Julie Jacques thanked Katy Casey for writing the proposals submitted to GVR regarding the HEPA filtration system for the studio and the expansion into the Fiesta Room, and also thanked Jay Groothousen and Bud Montgomery for researching prices, budgets, etc. for Katy to include in the proposals.

New Business

Short discussion held on when to hold the next Board meeting. Russ Nichols moved, seconded by Sue Peetoom, to suspend the rule requiring monthly Board meetings until September 21, 2018. Unanimously approved.

Discussion held regarding ideas/requirements for getting members to fulfill their four hours of volunteering per month, per their agreement when joining the studio. It was agreed a committee would look into suggestions, ideas, and possible solutions. John Carney agreed to head the committee; Ron Cox, Sue Peetoom, and Julie Jacques volunteered to assist.

Discussion held on the problem of people leaving items in the studio for weeks/months at a time, creating space constraints. Ron Foster mentioned that the bylaws indicate that anything left in the studio for more than 30 days belongs to the studio. Discussion held regarding all pieces must have names and dates placed on them prior to being put on the shelves; each room to have a person who can monitor the name/dates as an on-going project. If there is no name/date, it will be tagged, and removed after 30 days.

There being no further business, Russ Nichols moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 am.

Important Dates:

September 21	Board of Directors Meeting	9:30 am	Fiesta Room
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