

Fiber Artists Northwest Board Meeting Minutes May 9, 2015

Roll Call:

Called to Order: 10:04 am BECU Auditorium at 12770 Gateway Drive, Tukwila

Present: Diane Baker (President), Claudia Wickman (Treasurer), Tana Tyler (Website), Arlette Wentz (Events), Cathy Beal, Leona Dickow, Tammie Myers, Dawn VanDerschelden, Wilma Simpson, Cindy Ball (new member)

Absent: Arlene Harrison (Vice President), Marsha Kurle (Secretary & Sew Bee It), Margie Mathison

A quorum is present.

Secretary & Spirit Cards:

Tana is filling in for Marsha, and she has nothing to report.

Treasurer:

The year-end report for 2014 shows a \$656 profit for the year, and \$34 shortfall for last retreat. There is \$4,315 in the bank account now. Claudia has made an in-kind contribution to cover the fee to file the tax return because her company gets charged. Claudia gave Tana copies of the financial reports for the audit by a member.

Vice President:

Arlene didn't ask for anything to be reported.

Committee Reports:

Membership:

Arlette prepared and distributed the membership roster. We have 20 members, 11 associated with the Capital Fiber Artists, 7 with Sew Bee It, and 2 at large. If there are any corrections, please let her know.

Events:

Arlette will be teaching a class after the meeting today. There are no other events in the works except the fall retreat.

Website:

Tana reported that the website has information thus far for the fall retreat. It will also be updated with today's minutes and updates for the retreat when appropriate. The meeting information for CFA will also be updated.

Community Service:

CFA group makes tags at the fair for children that write their names on tags on Kid's Day. It is designed as a nice take away for the kids and a demo for free motion embroidery.

Fall 2015 Retreat:

The fall retreat dates are Oct 16-18, 2015 at Camp Berachah at Executive Lodge (same as last year) with all meals provided by the camp. We have committed to have 10 people attend.

Several of us have seen the presentations at Expo by Monica O'Rooke (aka The Bra Lady). She is quite entertaining and really knows her subject. As an alternative to the series of classes, we've asked if she is willing to come teach her class on how to make your own custom bras. Her normal fee is \$75 per person per day. Each person would also need to purchase their own pattern and kits. It would be nice to prepare a retreat budget that keeps the out-of-pocket cost per person to under \$200. If FAN contributes \$100 per student it would cost the treasury about \$1500. Kit fees on her website are \$17, and patterns are \$15-20 each.

Motion to approve the expense for the bra lady for the next retreat at \$100 per person to be paid by the FAN treasury. Motion is carried.

Monica is available all of Sept and the 1st week of October, but not the weekend that we currently have reserved at Camp Berachah. Nearly all of the members interested in attending are available if we change the dates. First choice is Sept 25-26-27 and second choice is Oct 2-3-4. Tana will contact Camp Berachah to find out if they have a facility that can accommodate up to 15 people for the desired dates. The Quad Center looks like it will accommodate 40+ people in each quad and there is a common area for our class. We'll update the group after the meeting with the final details and all retreat info will be posted on the website.

Old Business:

Arlette created cards to be available for handing out to prospects. There is a common FAN description on one side and on the reverse side the information is specific to Sew Bee It or Capital Fiber Artists. The email address that is listed on the cards are SewBeelt@fiberartistsnw.org (forwards to Marsha Kurle) and CapitalFiberArtist@fiberartists.org (forward to Tammie Meyers).

New Business:

In the past, nominations have been conducted at the spring meeting for terms beginning the next calendar year. However, it seems too early in the year for the turnover to happen the next January. Our bylaws dictate that we hold an election by sending ballots out by November 1st of each year. Officers are elected by majority of the ballots returned. Therefore, there will be an agenda item at annual meeting to nominate the upcoming officer positions with an electronic ballot sent out afterwards. In 2015, we'll be accepting nominations for President and Treasurer for the 1/1/2016-12/31/2017 term.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be the annual meeting and be held at the fall retreat.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am.