October 6, 2011 – Great Lake Beadworkers Guild Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by President Kate Dunn.

Members present: Kate Dunn, Susan Schwartztenberger, Linda Darmes, Sharon Majka, Sharon Wagner, Michelle Mandel, Helena Hatten, Gail Foster, and Gay Dries.

President

- Kate proposed to reinstate the payment of membership dues for Executive Board members and Committee Chair positions. Gail Foster seconded. Unanimously passed.
- Maggie Meister’s classes in November are filling nicely (some to capacity) and Kate suggested that we consider raising the number of students to 20. Michelle will speak to Maggie regarding this matter.
- Discussion about Bead Daze in February – teachers are on board, contracts are in.
- Board Meetings – We should try to keep Board Meetings to about six-to-seven per year. The first few are tentatively scheduled for January, February, March – subject to bad weather, etc.
- Review of Minutes of the last meeting. Wagner proposed accepting the minutes as written; Dries seconded. Unanimously passed.
  - Discussion regarding rental of a storage space. At the very least, a space should be found for storage of the library, Bead Bonanza signs, tablecloths, Fundraising tote bags, etc. Information should also be gathered on finding a rental space large enough to hold the Guild’s monthly meetings, Board meetings, and classes. Gail Foster agreed to look into the possibilities.

Vice-President

- Susan reported that a GLBG member asked the Board consider an amendment to the by-laws regarding the frequency of elections – Hold elections every two years rather than every year. Discussion followed with all Board members agreeing this was a good idea. Susan is to write an amendment to the by-laws in preparation for a vote by the membership.
- Discussion was re-opened on “Election Eligibility” after concern at the last election of people signing up for membership and voting that evening. The group agreed in wording like: To be eligible for voting in the May election, a Member must be in good standing (their dues paid and received by Membership) by March 30th of the same year. Susan will prepare an amendment to the by-laws.
- Proposed By-Laws amendments and corrections of typos, etc., shall be distributed in time to be put into the newsletter and be voted on by the Membership at the November 2011 meeting.

Bead Bonanza – Helena Hatten

- Helena told us that the tee shirts for this year’s volunteers are cardinal red and the winning saying is “When all else fails, bead some more!” It will be on the front of the shirt this time.
  - Next year – tee shirts may be V-neck.
- Volunteers are still needed – encourage people to contact Anne Grabowski.
• Carmen Falb will be in charge of the Member’s Booth this year, taking over for Jackie Szeckia (sp?) who has done it for many years.
• Currently there are 62 vendors signed up.
• The Guild book sale and the demonstration tables will be out among the vendor tables, since there is room, making them more visible.

Exhibits – Sharon Wagner
• Sharon handed out a five-page document with her proposals for both the GLBG and SMGBG Collaborate 2012 Project Proposal and the @20th Anniversary Gala event.
  o Included is an explanation of the schedule, costs, fees, and scope of the Collaboration, officially called “Synergy.”
    • Each of the guilds will provide $500 toward the costs of the Gallery showing, printing fees, prizes, payment of the judge, etc.
  o Also included are the proposed costs for the Gala event.
    • Discussion of fees, need for registration for the event: The belief that “if it’s free, people won’t show up” led to the proposed cost of the ticket price being $10 per person. Members and guests are permitted to buy tickets. GLBG will pick up the rest of the costs.
    • Current estimated cost for the event is $6,500. Half of that will be needed as a deposit.
    • Sharon has approached several large corporations to donate sponsorship for this event. Fundraising Chair will assist Sharon as needed.
  o Wagner submitted the Synergy proposal be accepted, Darmes seconded. Unanimously passed.
  o Wagner also proposed to accept the Gala Event plan as presented; Foster seconded. Unanimously passed.

Other Business
• Schwartzenberger presented examples of polymer clay beads made by GLBG member Susan Bailey. Bailey had been asked to be the artist to make the 20th Anniversary Commemorative Bead. Wagner said the colors chosen for the Gala are Emerald and Platinum. The general consensus was to add purple and leave it up to the artist for the exact design.

No other reports by Committee Chairs

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Schwartzenberger.