

MINUTES
GRAND CLAY ARTS GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2020

Meeting called to order at 9:00am.

Board members present: President Bruce Lucas, Vice President Sam Valenti, Treasurer Gabriele Dawson, Secretary Sherri Singer, Member at large Bob Piper and Member at large Ulla Loeffler.

Bruce Lucas presented special name tags to Dick Walker, Sherry Grundman, Odette Olson and Jerry Osbourne for their service to the club. He also introduced the new board members Sam Valenti, Gabriele Dawson and Ulla Loeffler.

Treasurer's report: Gabriele reported that 2019 total income was \$45,134.00 and expenses were \$36,040.00. The 2020 budget was presented with projected expenses of \$36,345.00 with an increase of \$304.00. A good portion of that is to recognize the monitors with perhaps a luncheon. The 2019 closing balance was \$38,024.00 \$23,207.00 reserve and \$14,817.41 in checking. It was moved and seconded that the 2020 budget be accepted.

Vice Presidents report: Sam stated that he will not be as involved with IT as Karen LeMar has taken charge of this job. The organizational chart will now be the Secretary's job and Ulla will be in charge of volunteer participation. Sam has made up stickers (labels) that can be put on the back of our CAM badges that can have name and password for getting into the computer system. This has been a problem in the past. The stickers will be posted in the club for members to pick up.

Monitors: Ann Funk stated that the monitor issue is a high priority for the club. 2019 proved to be a difficult year for monitor sign up. Many shifts were not filled and the club was closed to the general public. There will be a change in the monitor training for 2020. It will be held 4 times a year in January, April, June and October on the 4th Thursday of the month. If members are interested in the monitor pool, there is a registration sign up sheet behind the desk. Members will get 2 service hours for the training. New monitors should shadow experienced monitors when first starting out. Karen LaMar will work with the monitor committee on the viewing of and access of available monitor dates, changing the dates or cancellation for members. The monitor pool will receive an E Blast of information.

Presidents report: Bruce talked about the studio building improvements.

Phase 1 – Installation of air purification.

Phase 2 – Kiln room

Phase 3 – Expansion of entire building

Clay arts are on Tier 1 for improvements. Dick Walker and Sherry Grundman have been working hard to push for clay arts to be first on the list. Everyone is encouraged to attend the meetings and wear your Clay Arts name tag.

The kiln committee is in need of a few volunteers to clean the shelving and tiles. Dick Walker has suggested that the kiln committee should be rewarded for their work. Each kiln worker will get one week of free firings up to 5 pieces. This will be a one year test on this idea.

Old business: Karen LeMar IT reminded everyone that the enrollment or renewal for membership will be January to January. If new members join after January the membership will be prorated for first year. Reminder when signing up for classes, register on line and pay on line or turn in a check to club. Geoff Iverson has volunteered to help with the desktop issues in the club. A orientation team will focus on new members to completely understand the process.

Lynne Shanrock will be the education coordinator while Mary Walker is recovering. 14 new classes are on the calendar for this year.

Carly Shortz will be in charge of the Spring sale on March 14. The sign up sheet will be posted on January 20th. Volunteers are needed to help with the sale even if you are not selling.

It has been suggested that shadowing committee members such as kiln, glaze room ect would be beneficial to understand the various jobs and perhaps get more comfortable with volunteering.

A reminder that the Jim Calhoun workshop session will be Sunday, Jan. 19th 8:00-12:00 and everyone is welcome to come and watch.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Singer, Secretary