

**Loose Bead Society of Greater Milwaukee**  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
December 1, 2009  
Brookfield Public Library

Board members in attendance: Ann Cook, Helen Dahms, Kat Feldman, Nancy Langlas, Julie Miller, Brenda Schweder, Amy Smith, Kathy Willmering.

Unable to attend: Cindy Collins, Renee Corya.

President Brenda Schweder called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

**Approval of Minutes;** Julie Miller

- November 3 board meeting. The minutes were approved with one correction.
- November 15 board meeting. The minutes were amended and approved, with one abstention.
- November 16 business meeting. The minutes were approved as printed, with one abstention.

**Treasurer's Report;** Ann Cook

- Ann provided an amended copy of the report presented at annual business meeting and a list of items being turned over to incoming treasurer Amy Smith for the files.
- Ann turned over to Amy a box of treasurer records.

**Unfinished Business**

- Board meeting dates for 2010. BPL Rotary Room is not available but the East Wing Meeting Room is available.  
The meeting dates are: January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 28, August 2, August 30, October 4, November 1, December 6.
- LLC Status. Brenda is setting a target date of March 1.
- Volunteer Recognition.  
Gifts for Retiring Board Members. Brenda is getting prices on Swarovski star pendants. The consensus was to give the 40mm pendant, with the recipient selecting the color. Brenda will order the pendants.  
Member Volunteers. Helen and Julie will prepare small gift bags of beads to be given during the December program. Send lists of volunteers to Brenda by the end of this week.
- Survey Regarding the Name/Mission/Logo.  
There were 73 responses to the survey.
  - Consider changing name: 33% said yes, 67% said no.
  - Consider changing mission statement: 41% said yes, 59% said no.
  - Consider changing logo: 52% said yes, 48% said no.The board decided to leave the name and mission statement as is for now and revisit in a year. The board will look at updating the logo slightly. Brenda will send a logo design to the board for discussion at the January meeting.
- Open Coordinator Positions  
Website coordinator. The two candidates have not submitted their qualifications to Brenda, raising concerns about their interest and time. The board discussed changing to a blog/Facebook or hiring a service to maintain the site. A blog would be easy and would save money. Another option would be to have a website that is one page – a homepage – that would direct people to the blog for changing information and a Facebook page.

Helen moved that we start a blog and continue the website for at least a year and then revisit whether to continue the website. Amy seconded. The motion passed. Amy will look into various blogger software and start a blog. Brenda will announce the new requirements for the web coordinator at the next program/meeting.

- Community service coordinator. Kathy Brier is a candidate for the position. Julie moved to accept her as community service coordinator for 2010. The motion passed. Brenda will call Kathy.
- Bylaws  
The revised bylaws need to be filed with the IRS.
- Operational Guidelines.  
Send procedures, policies, and forms to Julie. Helen requested that Julie provide format suggestions to the board, which she will do. A January through March timeline was selected.
- Corporate sponsorship policy.  
Amy suggested we table this pending research of our 501(c) 3 status.

### **Officer/Committee Reports**

#### *President-Elect; Helen Dahms*

- Helen would like to investigate the idea of a gallery or sale of member work and is interested in a rummage sale, working with member Ruth Maegli, who has expressed an interest in organizing such an event.

#### *Programming*

- Brenda would like first quarter programs announced at December meeting and suggested the committee work on programs for a quarter of the year at a time. She feels that programming is the most important and most visible thing we do for the members.

#### *Special Events; Helen Dahms and Kat Feldman*

Spring Retreat. The retreat committee has selected the classes. The teachers are Marilee Rocklee, Lynne Soto, Debbi Simon, Louise Pederson. The other potential seed bead artists have declined, though one is a possibility for the fall one-day retreat. Teachers are paid \$25 per student plus the price of the kit. Some of the teachers will attend the December program to show sample projects.

The retreat theme is “beauty and the beadist.”

Susan Duehl is designing the brochure. Kathy W checked with PrintGraphix on prices.

The retreat agenda will be:

Friday night: wine tasting and a demo in Hot Shop Glass.

Saturday: hand massages and other relaxation techniques and “jammin’ in your jammies.”

Sunday: Amanda will offer a class in making a glass bead.

- Kat will plan the 2010 challenge and a one-day fall retreat.

#### *Treasurer; Ann Cook*

- Ann suggested an audit of the books.
- Ann will keep the existing bank account open until mid-January.
- Amy prefers that we be invoiced by the printer instead of having them charge to the debit card. She will notify PrintGraphix.

#### *Membership; Kathy Willmering*

- The membership directory will be published in May.

*Community Service; Kat Feldman*

- Goals for 2010: continue the chemo cap project, contact Children's Hospital about plastic bead donation, research other opportunities.
- Nancy will contact Badger Association for the Blind.

*Newsletter; Nancy Langlas*

- The December issue of the newsletter will go to print this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Julia E. Miller, Secretary