

Loose Bead Society of Greater Milwaukee

Business Meeting

January 18, 2010

New Berlin Public Library

Board members in attendance: Kathy Brier, Cindy Collins, Helen Dahms, Kathy (Kat) Feldman, Nancy Langlas, Julie Miller, Traci Otte, Brenda Schweder, Amy Smith, Kathy Willmering.

Call to Order

President Brenda Schweder called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and welcomed members, new members and guests.

Officer/Committee Reports

President; Brenda Schweder

- Traci Otte will be the website coordinator.
- Brenda expressed thanks to members who volunteered during 2009 and asked anyone who was not present at the last meeting to see her for the thank you gift.
- Anyone who did not receive an “anniversary nugget” bead in December may pick up one tonight.

President-Elect; Helen Dahms

- Projects for this year will include locating a venue to display or sell member work and how to recognize volunteers. She and Julie have formed a committee for volunteer recognition. See Helen if interested in helping with either project.
- The email address for Helen as president-elect is presidentelect@loosebeadsociety.org.

Special Events; Kat Feldman

- February one-day retreat. There are 20 registrations.
- Spring retreat. Instructors Debbi Simon and Marilee Rockley described their classes and showed samples of the class projects. Member Maureen Bartz showed samples of the copper beads that can be made in Louise Pederson’s class.

Secretary; Julie Miller

- The Bead Dreams calendar is available for \$5.00 during the program.
- The board is working on an operating guidelines document this year.

Treasurer; Amy Smith

- Amy reported that she is developing ways to report what the members need to know.

Membership; Kathy Willmering

- Several new and returning members and a guest were welcomed.
- Attendance at the program: 82 members and 3 guests. Of the members, 5 were new that evening and 3 were re-joining after a year or more.

Newsletter; Nancy Langlas

- Contributions to the newsletter are welcomed.
- The deadline for the next issue is February 14.

Community Service; Kathy Brier

- Chemo Cap Project. Kathy thanked all who have decorated chemo caps and asked that we keep up the good work. We have received a new batch of caps and Kathy asked members to take them on the honor system.

Website; Traci Otte

- Traci introduced herself and explained that changes are planned for the website.
- See Traci if you'd like to take pictures at LBS events.
- Become a fan of LBS on Facebook.

Programming; Cindy Collins

- Cindy thanked all who set up tables.
- Three members have responded to the call to join the committee. See Cindy if interested in attending the committee meeting on Thursday, January 21.
- Future programs:
In February, Irina Miech will speak about PMC in conjunction with the launch of her new book.
In March, Jill Erickson will demonstrate torch-fired enamel.
The May meeting will be May 10, the second Monday of the month.
On June 14 the program will be a Beadalon seminar.
- Table talk will be themed this year: February, red; March, Irish; April, peyote; May, buttons; June, none due to a full program; July, patriotic.

Table Talk and Announcements

- Members showed their right-angle weave jewelry.

Program

- The crystal beads for the program were provide by Swarovski; we are nurturing a relationship with them. Cindy thanked all the instructors, Sue Stachelski for the instructions, and Kathy Willmering for coordinating the project. Members made two right-angle weave cubes using 6mm Swarovski xilion crystals.

Julia E. Miller, Secretary