

## **Loose Bead Society of Greater Milwaukee**

Meeting of the Board of Directors

February 1, 2010

Brookfield Public Library

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

Unable to attend: Nancy Langlas.

President Brenda Schweder called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

### **Approval of Minutes; Julie Miller**

- January 4, 2010 board meeting. Approved with minor corrections.
- January 18 board meeting. Approved as printed.
- January 18 program meeting. Approved with minor corrections.

### **Unfinished Business**

501(c)3 Status

- No action due to other community service activities.

Bylaws

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Operating Guidelines

- Julie will e-mail the format suggestions to the board.

Common Look/Logo

- Amy showed the request for proposal to Marie, who was one of the judges for the color challenge, and Brenda showed it to a public relations representative at Mount Mary College, who suggested making this an assignment for the graphics program at the college. The board agreed this would be good approach. Brenda will ask the instructor, Nancy Lohmiller, if she would like a board member to attend a class to answer student questions about the project. Cindy suggested inviting the selected artist to a program for recognition and providing a letter of recognition.

Calendar and Denim Shirt Sales

- We will continue to sell the Bead Dreams calendars until the March meeting, and then will use any that are left for prizes at the retreat.
- The shirts will be sold during the February program.

Volunteer Recognition

- The committee has had an initial meeting, and Helen and Julie will report in more detail at the next board meeting.  
We will be keeping track of volunteer hours.

### **Treasurer's Report; Amy Smith**

- Amy presented a report for the new bank account; it has not yet been reconciled. Detailed listings of expenses and revenues by month will be compiled and be available.
- A safe deposit box has been opened. Brenda's signature is needed at the bank.
- A baby balance sheet will be reported to members.
- Gifts of tangible personal property. Amy will set up books by next month. Donations for the spring retreat should be recorded.
- Fund-raising. The issue of selling donated goods was raised.

## **Officer/Committee Reports**

### ***Membership; Kathy Willmering***

- 29 members attended the private shopping night at Knot Just Beads, including 5 new members who joined during the event.
- We have 134 individual members – 128 paid, 6 free – as of February 1. Of those, 14 are new and 9 are returning after a hiatus of more than a year. At the same time in 2009, there were 99 members.
- There are 9 paid corporate members and 1 is promised. All are at the \$100 level.
- Photo policy. The policy of asking members to indicate if they do not want their picture taken and removing photos if requested will be posted on the website and published in the newsletter.

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

- Exhibiting/selling member work. Two committee members will work with Helen. New Berlin Public Library will let us use the showcase and price tags may be put on items displayed. The committee will discuss how to select items. Brenda has contacted Mount Mary College about using the Marian Gallery.
- Rummage sale  
The idea of a sale came up again in committee meetings. Suggestions were that it be a sale not a swap, that it be a date other than a program night, and that it raise funds for LBS. This was agreeable to the board. Since the sale will not be a program, the project will be a joint effort between special events and the president-elect. We will try for a date in late summer or early fall.
- Bead & Button Show.  
The committee is working on the flyer for the totes. We will likely have volunteer ribbons again.  
A global bead society meeting will be held Saturday evening.

### ***Programming; Cindy Collins***

- Application form due date has been moved to September.
- Committee. Three new members, Susan Beal, Mary Hottinger, Lynne Soto, and there is another possibility, Carol Ann Bobovitz. Lisa Phillips remains on the committee.
- First and second quarter programs are set; July-September in works.  
April. Jim Kelly, beadwork in native American culture.  
May. Maggie Roschyk, transitioning from execution to design.  
June. Beadalon.  
October. Terminology and Tools. Possibly with Kalmbach, though this not yet firm, so there will be a backup plan.
- Duration of business during program. When setting the agenda, we'll prioritize which board members need time. We'll attempt to keep business to 30 minutes and make sure members know that business is part of the agenda.

### ***Special Events; Kat Feldman***

- Spring retreat  
Glass Onion is providing a coupon to all attendees.  
The committee will schedule a day to stuff the door prize bags.  
There are 26 registrations.
- Bead In. There are 27 registrations for the February 20 event.

### ***Website; Traci Otte***

- The website has been updated with the Haitian effort. Photos link to a Facebook album – anyone can see, only members can comment. This format may be used for other events. We have 44 fans on Facebook. Board members with administrative rights can delete inappropriate entries. Please post as often as possible.

*Community Service; Kathy Brier*

- Bartolotta Care-a-Lotta Hearts for Haiti Bead-A-Thon  
A fast decision was needed about an opportunity to participate in a fund-raising effort of making hand-made bracelets to be sold in Bartolotta restaurants with the proceeds benefitting a Haitian orphanage. 3000 bracelets were made on Saturday, January 30. Bead soup bracelets may be finished by the end of the week. Kathy W will be in charge while Brenda and Helen are out of town. There may be another event to string more bracelets.
- Princess Project  
The Gadzuric Foundation gathers prom dresses for needy teens; we would like to donate necklaces to accompany the dresses. The necklaces are needed by April. Brier will write a message for an e-blast and the newsletter. We will use the remaining Swarovski crystals for this project.

*Newsletter; Brenda for Nancy Langlas*

- Articles are due February 14.

**New Business**

- Stamps. Most of the 800 first class stamps purchased in 2009 have been used. Kathy moved that we purchase 800 first-class Forever stamps to be used in 2010 and beyond; the motion passed. Amy will purchase the stamps.
- Petty cash/change. Amy will act as cashier when we sell kits and fund-raiser items during programs and will be prepared with change.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Julia E. Miller, Secretary