

St. Louis Lampworkers Society (SLLS) Secretary's Minutes

Meeting Date: 4-20-2008

Meeting Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by:

Melissa Villadiego

We thanked our host for having us:

Becky Caspersen

Guests were welcomed:

Jeri and Nori

Minutes from the last meeting were read by Patti Skonicki.

Attendees were: Melissa Villadiego, Katie Elrod, Marilyn Roberts, Karla Lester, Tamara Hahn, Sue Weust, Erna Garber, Liza Mitchell, Peri Hogrebe, Mary Jo Mueller, Patti Skonicki, Linda Osterwise, and Barb Crofton.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Wuest reported that last month we had no expenses and collected \$25. Our current account balance is \$1567.64.

Announcements:

There are 3 spots left for the Bead Retreat in May.

Tamara Hahn reported that the late fee for library items that have not been returned after 2 months will be \$1 per item per month.

Sharon David reported on our efforts to file as a non-profit organization for the bead show. She said that the person who will be filing for us will do it pro-bono but will have to wait until after tax season. We need non-profit status for our bead show location.

Printing of postcards for the show was also discussed. Sharon reported that gotprint.com is much cheaper than the printing service we used last year. In 2006 the cost was \$922, and in 2007 it was \$908. Gotprint will cost \$153 for posters, fliers and 2500 postcards. They will be ¼" smaller.

Buying a banner was also mentioned. A 40" x 30" vinyl banner would cost \$40.99 from cafepress.com. A need for more signage for the bead show was agreed upon. It was also agreed by the group that we should order 2500 postcards for the show.

The suggestion was made to have an incentive to bring in the postcard to the show, such as if someone brings in their postcard, they get an extra raffle ticket,

or we could do a special drawing for them. This would encourage people to come to the show.

Someone said that she knows someone who wants or wanted to be in the bead show, but she does only fused glass. She asked what the percentage was of artwork for sale by each artist needs to incorporate lampwork; Melissa Villadiego said that she would check and report on that at the next meeting.

Melissa Villadiego reported that the SLLS business cards had arrived from gotprint.com and we could have a few each.

The 2008 Glass Galore bead show was discussed further. The possibility of allowing fused glass in the show if we don't fill all the spots was discussed. Also, the bead show will probably still be in Kirkwood this year, as no other venue has been found that is affordable and available. Participants need to start signing up for the show in June and July. If we get non-profit status for the SLLS, there will be no \$25 charge for each participant.

Melissa Villadiego stated that there will be a gallery show at Third Degree Glass Factory in September a week before the SLLS bead show. It will be up for a month, from Sept. 19th to about Oct. 15th. Participants need to fill out a form and give it to Melissa by July 13th. Beads or jewelry will be mounted in black shadow boxes; largest size of 16 x 20", limit of 2 per person.

They also need volunteers for demos during the gallery opening on the 3rd Friday of that October. We will have Glass Galore postcards at the gallery show. The deadline to turn in your beads/jewelry will be August 8th. You will need to decide on a price if you want your items to be for sale; the percentage will be 70% to the artist and 30% to Third Degree.

Q-tips: It was mentioned that sometimes Hobby Lobby has shadow boxes ½ off.

Bead-N-Tell: The challenge was April showers and May flowers.

Tamara showed us a floral pendant that she learned from Libby Leuchtman. This is a technique Libby may be teaching in future classes.

Karla show us sculptural flower beads with calla lilies, and gigantic flower beads.

Barb showed us beads made with Bullseye gonzo grape and tulip frit.

Linda had made hearts (no flowers), and necklaces and watch bangles.

Patti made an earth heart.

