

SLLS Business Meeting
December 13, 2009
Fun House, St. Louis

President Melissa thanked Sarah and Cindy for the use of the Fun House for the meeting and party.

Secretary Marilyn read the minutes of the November meeting.

Treasurer Gail reported \$5038.13 in the treasury prior to today's meeting. Gail also reported on Glass Galore: Receipts were \$1210.54. Disbursements were \$629.01 (rent, set-up costs, postcards, food and drink). Profit was \$581.53. St. Martha's Hall made \$433.

Guests and new members

Payton has torched full time for 3 years in her home studio. She got started by meeting another lampworker and watching. She also makes jewelry, has a website, and is on Etsy and ArtFire.

Announcements

Gail reminded members that dues are due. Payment can be made by check or cash today, online or snail mail. Dues must be paid by March 30 to receive the club discount for a booth at the 2010 Glass Galore.

Assuming good weather, Joan will have a slumber party/play day at her house the third Saturday in January. Spend the night or just come to play for the day.

Karla handed out a survey to determine the direction members would like the club to go, and how to improve attendance at meetings. Melissa or Karla collected the surveys.

Melissa announced a torch-off for Beads of Courage at 3rd Degree Glass Factory sometime in March. The event will include all lampworkers, not just the SLLS. Lampworkers will make purple hearts and butterflies. Children with cancer receive purple hearts when they beat their cancer; families may choose a butterfly if the child does not survive.

The Midwest Glass Experience is February 12-14, 2010. Major artists who will teach. Email Libby at 3rd Degree Glass Factory if you are interested in participating.

Karla will require payments for the Bead Retreat earlier in 2010 because the condo deposit is too much for her to front financially. Melissa suggested a fan page on Facebook to keep members informed.

Karla talked about the last board meeting and low attendance at regular meetings. We have close to 40 members but few attend meetings. A new membership status will be "Inactive." The survey is important. If there are days of the week or locations that would be better, please indicate them. What do you want out of the society: meeting discussions on marketing, demos, etc.

Q-tips

Mary Jo just began doing shows. How do other members educate the non-educated public about lampworking?

- 1) Scrapbook
- 2) Beads on a mandrel and rods of glass
- 3) Pictures of you torching
- 4) 8X10 paper with pictures of equipment, you torching and an explanation of beadwork

- 5) Electronic picture frame
- 6) Set out a copy of Cindy Jenkins' book (Cindy liked this idea!)

Sarah suggested that a good project for the society might be the production of a large poster that explains lampworking in pictures. Another suggestion was to do lampworking with teenagers at risk. Both would further our non-profit status.

Someone, I forgot who, asked where to get skeleton keys . Answer was antique shops, eBay or Etsy supply sellers. Use a hemostat or special tool to hold the key while making a bead on it.

Joan said that “Contemporary Lampworking 3” by Bandhu Scott Dunham is out. Pre-orders with discounts are being taken at www.salusaglassworks.com. Act now and get a free copy of “Flameworking.”

Election of Officers

Nominations were taken from the floor.

President – Karla

Vice President – Becky, Joan

Treasurer – Gail

Webmaster – Karla

Historian – Marilyn

Secretary – Marilyn

Librarian – Michel

Publicity – Joan/Lendy, Melissa

A vote was taken to unanimously elect those to offices that did not require a paper vote (Vice President and Publicity). A secret vote was held for the offices of Vice President and Publicity; Joan and Melissa were elected.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn

Secretary