

Foothills Craft Guild
Board Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2010

Meeting was held at the Foothills Craft Guild office, Emporium Building. President **Molly Durr** called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. The following board members also were present: Kathy Seely, Jim Gentry, York Haverkamp, Dick McGee, Clay Thurston, Robbie Gentry, Ann Caudill, Jo Marie Brotherton, and Jessica Kortz. Membership Director Jackie Mirzadeh, Show Director Karen Noggle, and bookkeeper Jane Sharp were also present. Terri Cadman was absent.

There were several corrections made to the December 2009 board meeting minutes. Three paragraphs regarding changes to the Standards policies were removed because no motion was made to accept these changes. **Kathy** volunteered to research these Standards issues further. She will work with **Robbie** to create a document of Standards policy changes. The document will first be presented to the Standards Committee for approval and then will be brought to the Board for approval. **Ann** moved to accept the December board meeting minutes as corrected. **Clay** seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Dick presented the Treasurer's report. He notified the board that our TACA dues are due. **Dick** moved that FCG pay their 2010 membership dues to TACA in the amount of \$55. **Robbie** seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Dick discussed FCG's annual Profit and Loss Statement. He pointed out that the Guild lost money last year from processing credit card sales at the fall show. FCG offers credit card processing to participating show artists for a 6% fee. Entrance tickets, booth fees, and member dues were also charged by credit card. After paying exhibitors for their sales and paying the credit card processing fees, FCG lost \$89.50. **Dick** moved to raise the credit card processing fee for show artists to 7% for 2010. **Jackie** pointed out that there are two types of customers that use the credit card processing service: Guild members and their customers. **Jane** suggested that prices such as booth fees or gate fees could be raised and then discounted for customers paying with cash or check since it is illegal to charge an extra fee for customers paying with a credit card. **Karen** suggested that this matter could be discussed with the Finance Committee and they could report back to the board. There was no second to **Dick's** motion to raise the credit card processing fee, and the motion died.

The FCG made \$4,000 over the budgeted profit from the 2009 fall show. **Dick** proposed moving the \$4,000 from the general operations account to the cash reserve (Vanguard) account. This idea had been proposed to the Finance Committee. Some Finance Committee members liked the idea but rejected using the Vanguard account due to low returns. **Dick** said that he will investigate the Vanguard account further. **Kathy** moved that the issue be taken back to the Finance Committee before board approval. **JoMarie** seconded the motion. The motion was discussed. The motion carried, with one vote opposed and the rest approved. **Robbie** moved to accept the Treasurer's report. **Clay** seconded and the report was approved.

Robbie presented the list of proposed Standards Committee members for 2010. The list includes **Mary Curtin, Cindy Heinemann, Bob Klassen, Zophia Kneiss, Ann Lacava, Carol Pritcher,**

Kathy Seely, Howard Thompson, and Clay Thurston. Robbie moved that these nine members should be approved as the Standards Committee jury for 2010. **Ann** seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Juryfest will be held on Wednesday, February 3, at noon. The Board will then meet at 6:30 pm the same day to vote.

Robbie met with **Bill Mullens** from TACA to discuss the possibility of forming the **ETACA** chapter again. He would like to work with Foothills to see if there is a need for an ETACA chapter. TACA has offered to send two FCG members to the TACA retreat on February 5 to investigate the idea further and to see if there is a need for an East Tennessee chapter. **York** and **Karen** volunteered to be representatives of the FCG for the retreat.

Karen reported that we have a \$214 credit with ToeZay because our bill for setup from the fall show was incorrect. **Karen** would like to get a quote from ToeZay for the 2011 fall show because our contract with the Jacobs Building is through 2011. **JoMarie** moved to get a bid from ToeZay that could extend our contract with them to 2011. **Robbie** seconded and the motion carried.

Robbie moved to adjourn the meeting and **Clay** seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm. The next board meeting is to be held on Wednesday, February 3, at 6:30 pm in the FCG office at the Emporium.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Kortz, Secretary