

Foothills Craft Guild
Special Membership Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2009
Unofficial; pending board approval

A special membership meeting of the Foothills Craft Guild was held on May 6, 2009, at the Emporium Building, called to change the by-laws and modify the budget.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Molly Durr at 6:40 p.m. Board members present were Dick McGee, Kathy Seeley, Gay Bryant, and Ann Caudill. Absent board members were JoMarie Brotherton, Jessica Dockery, Robbie Gentry, Clay Thurston. A quorum of board members were present, and the meeting proceeded. Guild members present included Karen Noggle, Jackie Mirzadeh, and Mike Naney. Jane Sharp, bookkeeper, was also in attendance.

Minutes from the March 4, 2009, General Membership meeting were presented. **Dick McGee** amended the minutes to read that he "would eventually like to have a staff member in the office forty hours a week." **Jackie Mirzadeh** moved the minutes be accepted as amended; **Karen Noggle** seconded. Minutes were approved as changed.

President **Molly Durr** introduced our new bookkeeper, **Jane Sharp**.

Molly then presented the suggested bylaws changes:

- Change 1: **ARTICLE X, Section 5** proposed change to read *The fiscal year of the corporation shall commence on July 1 and end on June 30.* **Dick McGee** moved the proposal be accepted; **Gay Bryant** seconded. The motion carried with one dissenting vote.
- Change 2: **ARTICLE V, Section 6b** proposed change to read *It shall provide for a budget for this corporation and supervise the expenditure of its funds. The proposed budget, including a full financial report, shall be presented to the membership at a meeting to be held in May/June of each year.* **Jackie Mirzadeh** moved that the proposal be accepted; Karen Noggle seconded. Motion carried.
- Change 3: **ARTICLE XI, Section 1c** proposed change to read *The Standards Committee shall consist of nine members of the corporation and the vice-president of the Board of Directors. Only juried members are eligible to serve on the Standards Committee. By early February, the vice-president shall recommend to the Board three members for appointment to the Standards Committee.* **Jackie Mirzadeh** moved the proposal be accepted; **Karen Noggle** seconded. Motion carried.
- Change 4: **ARTICLE V, Section 2d** proposed that the one-time accommodation for election of terms be changed to read *The directors shall be elected by the membership in October/November each year to take office the following February 1. Directors shall be elected for three-year terms. No director may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.* **Gay Bryant** moved the proposed clarification be approved; **Mike Naney** seconded. Motion carried.

Dick McGee presented the new budget for the short year resulting from the adoption of the new fiscal year dates, which now begins July 1, 2009, and ends June 30, 2010. **Dick** noted that the new budget does not include funding for a Spring Show because financial plans have not been formalized at the time of this meeting. **Dick** moved that the new budget be accepted; **Jackie Mirzadeh** seconded. Motion carried.

Karen Noggle presented Fall Show information. Multi-purpose printed postcards will be available for distribution in June. She asked that members consider submitting new photos of craft items for publicity to **Alex Conner** for marketing purposes. Participation in the Market Square Dogwood Arts Show was moderately successful despite uncooperative weather. Booth fees for the Fall Show, November 13-15, 2009, will increase after June 30; and guest artists will be invited to participate after September 15. **Karen** will begin negotiation with possible partnering organizations for an indoor show at the Jacob Building to be held April 16-18, 2010. **Lisa Duncan**, Executive Director of the Dogwood Arts Festival, will participate, offering that the show be a Dogwood-Arts-sanctioned event in addition to media coverage.

Molly Durr discussed Guild participation in First Friday events at the Emporium Building. It was generally viewed that it would be good public relations to have the office open, especially in the months preceding the Fall Show. **Ann Caudill** will attempt to recruit 2-3 volunteers/demonstrators for each first Friday to promote the Guild.

Gay Bryant moved that the meeting be adjourned; **Dick McGee** seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Caudill
Substituting for Jessica Dockery, Secretary