

Clay Arts Guild

Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time Wednesday May 15, 2019, 1:00 PM
Location Civic Park Dance Studio

Attendees:

CAG Board: Pat Alger, Aletha Wiens
Chair Positions: Jane Burns, Ann Henderson, Mary Leigh Miller
City of Walnut Creek: Maile Ogasawara, Takemi Tsuruta
Various CAG Members

Agenda Items:

1) Studio Manager's report: Takemi

- a) Takemi introduced us to Hannah Henderson, our new studio assistant.
- b) The former damp room, now storage room, is completed plus the dry room has new lighting. Takemi reported that this project helped in the formation of a great working relationship between him and the city staff, which will benefit future projects.
- c) The kiln room gets too hot for the health and safety of studio staff; he is looking at options to alleviate this issue.
- d) The salt kiln modifications are very successful as firings have been high quality. Attendees agreed they like the results.
 - i) Now that the kiln is working well, the CAG salt firing events will resume – expect to see one in October
- e) Our Fall Master Potter Workshop will feature **Ehren Tool** from Berkeley.

2) City Managers report: Maile

- a) Clay class scholarships totaled \$631.65 for spring. In June she will give CAG the annual totals for this fiscal year.
- b) The hiring process for our Studio Manager is in the final stages. A candidate has been selected and the city is doing background checks. Expect an announcement in late May to early June.
- c) The Handcrafted Holiday Sale is scheduled for December 6-8 this year.
- d) “Your Parks, Your Future” is a multi-phase planning project that will look at parks and community facilities. The city has hired a consultant to help build a 10-20 year plan for replacing aging facilities. Maile assures CAG that no facility would be closed without replacing it. Some ideas that have been floated include building more class spaces at Heather Farms; another idea is to move the clay studio to the Shadelands, creating an arts campus with all classrooms at one location. There are many processes to go through before anything is decided.
- e) The discussion of allowing outside sales of artwork continues. While keeping the goals and mission of the studio in mind, individuals shouldn't feel they need to turn down opportunities to be included in outside shows. However, they should not be organizing sales of their work outside the studio.

3) April Meeting Minutes: Approved as presented.

4) Budget 2019-2020 proposal: Reviewed as presented. This will be voted on at the open meeting on June 26.

5) CAG Board Officer Elections: The current Board members have all agreed to run for reappointment. Others may put their hats in the ring if desired. This will be voted on at the open meeting on June 26.

- 6) **Library Remodel:** The library is being cleaned up. A new small photo booth will be installed for everyone's use. Discussed what to do with the current large photo booth; it will probably be offered to the membership for a small donation to CAG.
- 7) **Sale Results:** Pat Alger reported the strong sales numbers for the May studio sale – up 10% from the last sale. CAG commissions are approximately \$3800 from the sale. The raffle was very popular and will be done in the future. The silent auction may be better suited for special CAG events in the studio.
- 8) **June Open Meeting:** We need to get the word out that the next meeting is the annual vote on officers and budget and encourage a large attendance. It is scheduled for June 26 in the main studio at 1 pm.

Adjourned at: 2:00 PM
Submitted by Robin Moore