

Date and Time CAG Annual Board Meeting: June 26, 2019 1:00 pm

Attendance: **CAG Board** Bette Sindzinski, Pat Alger, Aletha Wiens, Millie Robinson

Various CAG Members and Chair Persons

Studio Manager: Takemi Tsuruta

1. **City of Walnut Creek:** Maile Ogasawara. Maile shared some background information regarding the purchase of a new kiln. Planning ahead is necessary, as the city has costs for running programs. The kilns we have now are city property. Old equipment will be auctioned off and the money will go the city. The studio needs must be worked out together with the CAG and the city of Walnut Creek. This can be a lengthy process. Much research has been done by Takemi and the city.

She thanked everyone for support as the full team working at the studio has been completed.

The city has a new Program Coordinator , the studio is included in his area of supervision. His name is Mark Broder.

Holiday Sale Planning is underway. In August there will be a Save The Date, In Sept applications will be available ,

Arts After Dark will be coming up

2. **Takemi Tsuruta , Studio Manager** reported on the activities that have been included in the study of purchasing new kilns They are looking at the purchase of one new kiln. It will have savings on labor (running the kiln) and costs less than 2 other kilns and will do the work of 2kilns. There will also be significant cost saved in firing, as it is computer controlled and techs will not have to be checking it so often. This BLAAUW kiln , if purchased will be approximately \$55,000, which includes installation and training for our techs. It is 16 cubic feet (interior stacking space), 28 x 28 x 3ft tall.

3. Takemi also reported that he has had feedback concerning negative behavior in the studio and he would appreciate suggestions on how to resolve this issue. He will work on this, and he concluded that if anyone has information regarding this, to please contact him.

4. **Annual Elections: Bridget Moar** handled this section of the meeting. There were no nominations from the membership. The current board was re-elected. The board will be:

President: Bette Sindzinski

VP: Pat Alger

Treasurer: Aletha Wiens

Secretary: Millie Robinson.

5. **Budget for 2019-2020** The board has recommended approval of the budget with the notes of explanation.

The new budget was voted on and approved.

This budget included \$29,500 for our share of the price of the new kiln. We have this in reserves. This amount is the maximum we will spend on this project.

New banners and sandwich boards will be arriving soon for our sales.

6. **Additional Concerns from the membership:**

1. Empty bowls project ends at the end of summer session. Please donate. They are collected in the library.
2. Suggestion to board, by one member, to consider our relationship with the city.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:50pm

Millie Robinson