

Civic Arts Guild Board Meeting Feb. 17, 2021

Board Members and former board members in Attendance: Pat Alger-President, Mary Ellen Brownell-Vice President, Bill Schaaf -Treasurer, Millie Robinson-Secretary, Bette Sindzinski, Bridget Moar, Mary Leigh Miller, Florence McAuley, Mona Moxlev, Aletha Wiens, Betty Medwedeff, Dink Van Pelt (listed in no particular order). From the Studio/ City: Takemi Tsuruta

AGENDA:

Studio Manager's Report:

The city is hoping for summer classes in the studio as well as virtual classes. There will be restrictions.

Community Outreach: Takemi would like to focus on under-represented groups (ie High School Students)

The new kiln is expected to arrive in March-April for installation.

Takemi will send us his 3 year equipment plan, but most important is the proposed purchase and installation of a second kiln from Denmark. Takemi asked if CAG would be willing to donate some funding for this 2nd kiln.

Community Arts Food Drive:

When the city of Walnut Creek has community service days, CAG will forward requests to membership to support activities . CAG members will be invited to support the planned food drive.

Newsletter:

Mary Leigh Miller reports she has a good variety of articles, and is waiting for an article from James Coquia about his Funk Class

Outdoor CAG Pottery Sale:

Date is May 2 (weekend before Mother's Day). 13 artists have signed up so far. The city is supporting this event. We will probably extend sale area to parking lot to accommodate all artists. We can probably have up to 20 artists. There was some discussion to make a table or two for artists who want to try this out, or only have a few items. Suggested that we retain 25% of sales to go toward purchase of new kiln as this is a CAG sponsored event.

Second New Kiln:

The city needs a tentative agreement from us as to the amount we can contribute to the purchase of the second kiln, which will be ordered from Denmark and has an 18 month lead time.

Discussion of what could be done to raise funds for contribution of funds for second kiln purchase in fiscal year 2021 -2022

Board voted and passed to contribute \$20,000 toward the purchase of the estimated \$90,000 kiln.

Discussion included: we will send out an email to CAG membership requesting donations toward the kiln purchase. Membership dues is major contributor to CAG funds to support equipment purchase so we need to build up the membership base. Encouraging folks to take virtual zoom classes is one way to build membership. The Treasurer and the President will meet to project membership and expenses for next 3 years to verify \$20,000 contribution is reasonable.