

Meeting Minutes: CAG. Friday September 18, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Mona Moxley at 11 am

Attending: Mona Moxley, Barbara Moreland, Nicole Collins, Erika Goldstein, Julie Dandliker, Pat Alger, Janice Holve, Brandon Lipe

The October meeting will be on Thursday October 16th at 11 am in the Dance Studio.

Membership: Erika Goldstein reported that 140 members have joined CAG so far this year. This is about the same level as last year at this time. The number will typically rise as the year goes on. She also reported that there are no new monitors this quarter.

The collaboration event between preschoolers and CAG will happen again in 2027. No theme has yet been selected. “Bugs” was suggested. Brandon will put that idea forward but as the teachers weave this into their curriculum, it will be their decision.

Sales: Pat Alger reported that 12 people have signed up to sell their work at the Chili Bowl Scholarship fundraiser which will take place on November 14th across from the studio. Members have until the end of the month to request space. The layout has changed slightly, with the checkout cashier being placed nearer the entrance so that person can help with check in and greeting if needed early in the event.

A lot of bowls still need to be glazed, then the bottoms sanded. It was suggested that bisques bowls be placed closer to the glazing area so members think to glaze a bowl along with their own work. Brandon will try to find a space where the bowls can be seen by members and hopefully glazed along with their own pieces. Glazed bowls are place on the regular firing firing carts with “chili Bowls” on the green slip.

The date for the sanding event is not yet determined.

Discussion regarding purchase of wheel mounted sanders noted the trade off between longevity of the sander and cost. The decision was to purchase a package of low cost diamond sanders, 6”, from Amazon. The risk that a good quality sander would “walk off” was adequate reason to buy the cheaper ones and replace as needed.

HHS: Application approvals for the Holiday Sale at Shadelands went out today. Erika will head up the set up and take down of the Holiday Sale Children’s room. More donations for this room are still needed. Nicole showed her contribution as necklaces with a ceramic pendant as a suggested donation. Pat will ask for donations of tissue paper from members and if not enough donations will buy tissue paper as cheaply as possible. Members who are participating in the sale will be assigned times to manage the kid’s room at the holiday sale.

Spring Sale: date for the Mother’s Day sale will be May 1-2, 2027 at the Studio.

Studio Updates: Brandon

The studio will be closed for the OktoberFest on September 25th and 26th.

It will also be closed for Trunk or Treat event on Oct. 23. Mona will send out a request for volunteers for general frivolity for the TorT event. Erika will set up the sandwich board with information on the Chili Bowl event and a QRS code for more information.

Finances: Julie Dandliker reported that CAG income (from sales primarily) was greater than expected last year and expenses were less. Brandon has not requested any new equipment so far. Julie does not keep more than \$5000 in the regular account, sweeping anything above that level into savings.

Studio sales : As the number of foam trimming bats and bats, in general, seem to be in short supply, Nicole agreed that the CAG store can stock Masonite bats for sale. The existing foam bats will be located, examined and refurbished if possible. If not, several new foam bats will be purchased after Julie has advised the board on current foam bat status.

There was a discussion about maintaining the old library space for a sales space. In general, the quality is not as high as at sales and it is seldom used. There is really no walk in traffic so purchases are mostly from members.

Teacher Demos: Ed Blackburn is creating a piece specifically for CAG demonstrating various techniques that will reside in the display cases once finished. He agreed to a budget of \$200.

Potential new project: Janice Holve brought up the issue of memorial donations of pottery to help raise money for CAG. As children/ heirs often do not want members pottery collections, this might be a mutually beneficial way of getting pieces into more appreciative homes. Brandon will discuss this with Maile to assess whether and how this might be done.

Staff Appreciation: Erika has made cards for staff appreciation gifts. These gifts will be presented at the Chili Bowl Event in November as it is the closest gathering to the holidays.

Social Media: Nicole Collins reported on our social media presence: The accounts started with 17 and there are now 1,182 followers on Instagram and 1,188 on Facebook. Nicole has done our Social Media for 7 years and is ready to pass on this task to someone with fresher ideas and familiar with the mediums. Erika asked Nicole to write a note describing the responsibilities so she can send it out asking for a volunteer. Currently the only people who post are Alice Lasky, Chip and Connie Parham, although any member can post on the FB page.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Holve, Secretary