

Wisconsin Pottery Association ☐ Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 8 November 2011

Business Meeting Attendees: Dorothy Russ, President
Michael Waidelich, Vice Pres
David Knutzen, Treasurer
Heidi Hahlen, Secretary
Chris Swart

Jim Tyne
Ellen Tyne
Christine Boone
Jamie Boone

Treasurer's Report: After a call to order by President Dorothy Russ, David reported that the combined WPA accounts balance is \$10463.31.

Secretary's Report: Heidi reported that there are currently 49 members with 2 lifetime members. Twelve members attended the October business meeting and a nice turnout of 25 members attended the program, including 2 visitors. Everyone was asked to submit articles to Ori-Anne Pagel by January 15th, so please give it some thought.

Heidi informed everyone that the newly revised bylaws need to be voted on at the Annual Meeting on December 6, 2011.

2012 membership fees will be due 1/1/2012 for 44 current members and a notice will be included in the December Annual and Holiday meeting reminder. Everyone is encouraged to bring cash or their check book (\$20 individual, \$30 dual) to the December meeting or mail a check to Heidi Hahlen, WPA Secretary at 4909 Foxfire Trail, Middleton, WI 53562. Another reminder will be emailed/mailed in January and a final notice will be emailed/mailed in February. Those who do not renew their membership by the end of February 2012 will be dropped from the membership list but will be welcomed back upon payment of dues at any time in the future.

Annual Show and Sale:

The group began brainstorming ideas for the theme of next year's annual show exhibit. Please email or call any of the board members if you have any ideas.

A small group of members (Jim Riordan, Peter Flaherty, Heidi Hahlen and any other interested members) will meet before the start of the March 13th meeting to pull together a comprehensive plan for advertising next year's Annual Show & Sale. With the growth of on-line and social networking media outlets, we would like to capitalize on all the opportunities that are available to us. We will continue with the proven printed advertising avenues, and develop a list of all the websites and their deadlines on which we can post the date of the event. If you come across websites on which we can advertise or have ideas for other inexpensive opportunities, please email any of the board members or Jim Riordan.

It was suggested that we give show attendees the opportunity to sign up for an email mailing list for a reminder of next year's event date. Heidi did get 2 email addresses during the 2011 event but the opportunity to sign up was not well advertised and will be improved upon during next year's show.

Old Business:

The Program Committee has met and finalized next year's calendar of programs. Everyone was reminded that there is not a program in January. There is a change as the February program will feature the Riordans and Knutzens finishing up by presenting the M – L designs of Roseville's Middle Period.

Betty Knutzen, Ann Waidelich, Arthur and Eileen Wendt met during tonight's business meeting to continue to work on publishing the Century House book project. A report will be provided during an upcoming meeting.

Don't forget that the Annual Business Meeting and Holiday Party with the White Elephant gift exchange is scheduled for the first Tuesday in December, 12/6/11 to begin at 6 pm. Again, Jim and Barb Riordan will again provide the meat and buns for hot sandwiches, so everyone else is asked to bring a dish to share. Plates, cups and silverware will be provided so please bring your own drink and as well as that special white elephant gift to share. As always, there is always good food, good friends and good cheer.





NOTICE: *Everyone is also asked to bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the Goodman Community Center Food Pantry to the December 6th party.* The only item not needed is canned tomato soup. Needed most is healthy sources of protein: canned chicken, tuna, any form of beans, peanut butter, etc.

New Business:

Dorothy Russ will be completing her second year as the WPA President and Michael Wadelich, currently the WPA Vice-President, has agreed to run for the office of President. David Knutzen and Heidi Hahlen have both agreed to continue in their roles of Treasurer and Secretary respectively for another year. This leaves the office of Vice-President vacant. Several members have been asked to consider this office but declined. The WPA Bylaws description of this office is as follows: *The Vice President shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President. The Vice President shall perform the duties and be vested with all powers and duties of the President in case of the President's temporary disability or absence and shall assume the office of the President in the event it is vacated.* If you are interested in serving as Vice-President and can commit to attendance at most monthly meetings, please contact any of the board members to discuss prior to the December 6th meeting as the annual election will occur during this meeting.

Presentation:

Dave and Betty Knutzen and Jim & Barb Riordan presented the Middle Period of Roseville art pottery, with a focus on designs A – L. They were able to bring an example of almost all of the 29 different designs that were produced between 1920 and 1938, with Frank Farrell, the single artistic brain behind the designs. Visitor Sandy Lincoln joined us for the program and was invited to join WPA.

Newsletter:

Please consider submitting a short article to Ori-Anne for the January newsletter – firm deadline of January 15, 2012. This is your newsletter and is only as interesting as the information you submit. Your fellow members will enjoy learning about how you became interested in collecting pottery, your favorite piece of pottery and how you acquired it, your experience at an auction, buying on-line or highlight a buying trip or vacation.

Hope everyone can join us for the December Annual Business Meeting and Holiday Party. Don't forget your dish to pass, your favorite beverage, a White Elephant gift and a non-perishable food product (or as many as you can muster) for donation to the Goodman Community Center's Food Pantry. Also, don't forget either cash or you check book for next year's dues.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted by
Heidi Hahlen, WPA Secretary

