

Membership Meeting - May 16, 2015

Hostess –Heidi Griffith – Josephine County Public Library, Grants Pass, Oregon.

Meeting called to order by President, Carole Hayne at 2:32 p.m.

Items

- Dissemination of information – the three board members at large were given the task of putting into writing how Clayfolk will spread information so that the membership is kept informed. A list was compiled of what information to send and where to send information for dissemination to the membership. Members were encouraged to take a copy of this list if they wished (a copy is available on the Clayfolk website: quick member links/Clayfolk communication avenues – password: clayfolkpotter)
Archived information is also available on the website
The President encouraged members to write articles for the newsletter.
- Recruitment for positions. The President passed out ballots for members to write in nominations for open positions. Members were requested to nominate members they felt were qualified or might be interested in board positions or chair positions for the Clayfolk organization. The show chair appoints show chair positions. Board positions coming up for election this year – three members at large (voted in every year). See term limits of board positions which is posted on the website to see what positions will be coming up for vote soon. Current chair/points positions open – Jackson County Empty Bowls, Library Chair, members of the library committee (points given to committee members), Workshop co-chairs (share points), and Scholarship committee member.
Library Chair, Irene Stephens, gave explanation of Library Committee duties.
Discussion tabled.
Ballots can be returned to the president today or at a later date.
The board will talk to nominees for members at large and, if they wish, these members will be on the ballot for voting by the membership.
The board will chose the chairs for open chair positions from interested parties.
- Scholarship Report – Cindra Vargas - 2015 Ellice T. Johnston Scholarship winner (\$2000) Thomas Love. Mr. Love just received an AA degree in studio arts at Shasta Community college and will use the award to pursue his BA as a ceramic student at Cal Pacific USA. Pictures of Mr. Love's work was passed around to the members present. Monies will be sent out on May 22, 2015.
Nine applicants for the scholarship were received.
Cindra thanked Ray Foster and Phil Fishwick for their expertise in helping choose the scholarship recipient.
- Discussed who to send hardcopies of the newsletter to and which newsletter to send out hardcopy. The member directory was not sent out in hardcopy this year. The board has requested that members indicate if they want a hardcopy of the newsletter, the membership application, the show application and the member points list. Everyone else will receive these items through email/E-news. Membership forms will indicate what pieces of information the member wishes to have hardcopy. The one hardcopy that will go to the entire membership will be the December newsletter as this includes the ballot for voting for open board member positions and the membership application.

- The board has been requested to review the term limits for board members. At the current time, the bylaws indicate voting of the board members every year. Term limits adopted by the board are: member at large - one year; treasurer - six years; secretary - three years; president and vice president - three years. These terms will be staggered so that all the board members do not change at the same time. This is posted on the website on the first page, right above the meeting schedule. Members may review this and if there are opinions/comments regarding this type of rotation in the board may let the president know for review by the board.

Comments were requested.

Discussion ensued about having the show included in the bilaws and about the non-profit status of Clayfolk. Ray Foster, the treasurer, informed the group that we are a member of the Oregon Corporation Commission, had a not-for-profit status for quite a while. The Clayfolk tax preparer has informed us that because of that status there are no 1099 issues and we pay fewer taxes, depending on how much we give out to charity and what commission we charge the potters. This percentage was adjusted so that we paid the potters more and paid less in taxes. The system is working well for everyone and if we want to change an investigation will need to be made to see if we would have to pay taxes, if 1099s would need to be given to the members, etc.

A motion was made to form a committee to review the by-laws and make recommendations to the board.

Motion seconded and passed.

Nominations for people to be on the Bylaws Committee were written on the Clayfolk nomination form previously passed out and returned to the President who will follow up and form a committee to investigate adding the show to the bylaws and other committees as necessary.

- Show Chair- Shirley Huft

This is the 40th year for Clayfolk.

We want to see where Clayfolk was 40 years ago. The show chair has contacted some of the long-term members and has requested photographs or visuals. The webmaster wants to do a focus each week on one of these members with an old or new photograph and what their memories are. The first show was in the rabbit area of where the current armory is now located. Request members to send information on how to access more of these photographs or memories from long-term members – contact Show chair.

We apparently have a good collection of old studios and Show chair will be asking some members to take pictures of new studios so that we can do a then and now.

Points –The points will go out the end of May 2015. Show chair encouraged members to check out their points now and make sure they are correct by the end of June so Show chair can proceed with making show assignments.

- Per the president Clayfolk has 26 new members. Introduction of new members at the meeting:

Clara Longhe

Timothy – Sally’s Grandson.

Jeff Spindler – fifth meeting.

And a gentleman whose name the secretary did not get who came to the show to find out how to obtain a membership.

- The president encouraged the members to go to the new Clayfolk.org website. The Show Chair encouraged members who are applying to participate in the show to check the website daily to see if their application has been received.

PROGRAM: Ruth Wendover – Hands and Other Things.

Ruth is a retired occupational/hand therapist. She gave a rousing and informative presentation on how to protect your hands, change your posture and what exercises you should be doing to prevent carpal tunnel syndrome symptoms and rounded shoulders. Thank you Ruth.

Meeting adjourned at: 3:45 p.m.