

Clayfolk General Meeting Minutes Date: 6/26/26 Location: Phoenix Community Center/First Presbyterian Church Called to order by Tim Elliott at 2:30 Adjourned at: 3:3		Board Members Present: Tim Elliott, Ray Foster, Debbie Thompson; Julia Janeway; Lily Myers Kaplan; Doug Hill; Rosie Russell President Emeritus, Bill Thompson Janice Shenker on Zoom	
Agenda	Reports	Discussion/Action	Responsible Party
President Treasury Report Secretary	Call to Order: Run through Reports All is going well. Substantial cushion in accounts. Scholarship fund @Morgan Stanley has been reassigned management fees at lowest amount (less than 1%) Good growth in MS fund allows for increase in scholarship funds from \$2k to \$4k Estimated taxes paid & scheduled quarterly. Sending around sign in sheet		Tim Elliott Debbie Thompson & Ray Foster Lily Myers Kaplan
Chair Report	Membership Current membership 166 6 new members since last meeting 1 returning member	New member introduction: Gail Ropel: has been potter for 4years; wants to engage with CF potters and to grow with the organization. Welcomed by all.	Doug Hill
Chair Report	eNews 63 eNews sent since last meeting; (duplicates are sent when/if eNews is not read). Warned people that there are emails that look like from CF but are not: if says admin@enews do not click on these!		Dana Godley
Chair Report	Newsletter Report: The June newsletter is coming out in July. Currently called <i>Kraken Chronicle</i> . Many submissions received in last few days: Please hold further non-Octopi	Members Brainstormed Themes, so Kathy has many options to choose for future issues.	Kathy Forrester

	submissions for next newsletter— theme unknown. Always okay to submit items that are not ‘on theme’...great seeing one another’s work. Just no more for this time!		
Chair Report	Points Finalized & posted as of 6/1. Can find a link to points Google sheet on website under Members Only area.	Discussion: • Bill Thompson reviewed website for conflicts about how points are assigned; has worked with Pat to make corrections. • Google sheet works best on computer/laptop. Noted that some Apple products do not display/freeze panes for easy viewing.	Ashley Ambrosio
Chair Report	Webmaster Going fine. Updating Galleries as requested; adding new members to directory; working with Fall Show Chair to post updates as available.		Pat Richey
Chair Report	Empty Bowls: Cheryl reported on both Jackson & Josephine Counties (due to Ann’s absence). Josephine County: Needs more bowls and silent auction items. Currently just Ann making bowls there. Jackson County: Going well. Raffles have produced \$800 for purchasing clay. (One more raffle coming at Legend Cider in Talent who is also offering “Pints with a Purpose”: \$1 per pint sold goes to Talent/Phoenix EB) Noted that after 2 Throwdowns: 160 bowls collected RVPS is selling clay to EB at a discount.	Cheryl noted that today’s meeting location is where the Talent/Phoenix EB event happens. It’s less of a church and more than a community center. Offering community meals/food pantry/clothes closet to those in need on regular basis. Cheryl read the motto/statement they often recite, posted on board: <i>May the hungry be well fed, and may the well fed hunger for Justice.</i>	Talent/Phoenix: Cheryl Lashley Josephine County: Ann O’Neil Freauf

Chair Report	Educational Grants: Johannes was absent so Board members reported: Four applicants: All but one funded; the fourth was outside the CF membership area; Approx \$400 per request.		Johannes Gaston
Chair Report	Programs: Today's program: <i>ClayTalk—Show 'N Tell</i> August meeting program: Panel <i>Discussion Topic: Fantastic Failures & Happy Accidents</i> Panelists: Ray Foster, Bonnie Morgan, & Jim Robinson October meeting program: <i>Booth Pick</i>		Lily Myers Kaplan
Chair Report	Scholarships. Not a lot of applications despite outreach; DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JULY 15 CF members: Please spread the word! NOTE: The increase from \$2k to \$4k may generate more interest. Betsy invited others to join the Scholarship Committee: Will send an eNews to that effect. Responses from Betsy and Board: • Details can be found on CF website • Original Purpose of Scholarship Fund: Give to clay-centric people already involved in ceramics • The idea is to find and fund someone who is 'promising' with interest and experience in ceramics.	Discussion & Questions Posed for Consideration: • Is majoring in Art a requirement or may funds be used if students aren't majoring but putting some efforts in ceramics classes? • Emphasizing that any/all applications are welcome • Talking with teachers in colleges and high schools. • Encourage all students of the benefits of learning to write a good cover letter and how to present their body of work to date. • Are ceramics workshops around or outside the country allowed? • Can age requirement be expanded from college students to include promising highschoolers? • Frank Jacques is offering a training to ceramics teachers; will encourage them to share details of our scholarship program.	Betsy Moore

		• Noted that OPA has scholarship program for High Schoolers • Can collaborations be accepted or only for individuals? • Consider that confusion in making awards could result from having too many categories. • Current ceramics teachers need professional development: can it be offered to them?	
Chair Report	Workshops Board approved January workshop: Martha Grover from Bethel, Maine, who works in porcelain, with emphasis on throwing and altering pots. Dates 1/23 & 1/24 Location: RVPS in Ashland Member cost: \$275 Shooting for registration to open in fall; will give prior notice.	Appreciation was offered from members for the workshops offered and the low cost to attend. • Response from Rosie that CF's intention is to expand education at a rate that will break even. • No intention for CF for build revenue from the workshops.	Summer Brendlinger & Rosie Russell
Chair Report	Social Media Going well; slow in summer/not a lot of submissions. Can find the link to make a submission on website; it's easy to do. Coordinated with Doug Hill to invite new members to join the private CF page on Facebook • Noted that the link expires in 2 days or 5 clicks so join right away when invitation is received.		Kendra Ortnier
Chair Reports	Spring Show Many reports that vendors did very well. Currently getting set up for 2027.		Tim Elliott
Chair Reports	Fall Show 84 applicants Booth-pick-order doc is online now.	Question about how new folks can get oriented: Rosie Russell is the	Rob Call

	Wait List: 13 for FB / 11 for HB One spot open in GB Contract with Armory is signed & insurance secured. Reminder that commissions help cover those costs. Committees have been assigned. Will be posted online under participant info when finalized/ Rob will send eNews announcement when that happens. Looking for co-chair for Promotions.	'rookie wrangler' and will help all the new folks when closer to the show. If you are a first-timer at Fall Show, it's up to you to reach out to Rosie to let her know to keep you on her list. Her email can be found online/CF Directory. In the future this will be added to application as a button to check for smoother operations. Nina offered notes on stickers: • First 250 are free—handed out a Booth Pick meeting • Can be reused year to year • Rosie will help out with printing stickers: Let her know if you need extras (\$5/250) • Pickup or have a friend collect for you at Booth Pick meeting. If needed to have mailed contact Rosie. • Karen Rychek offered to be point for distribution in Portland area • Testing costs for mailing this year: review/cost analysis for 2027	
Meeting Adjourned: 3:35 ClayTalk Show 'N Tell Program Followed / Ended 4:00			