

October 1, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

The October Board Meeting held at the Joanne Wagner Center was called to order by Past President Ed Gallagher at 7:13 pm. Those in attendance were Mary Prosek, Jose Ponce, Don Shore, Arlene Blaha, Pat Koko, Karen Dave and Ed Gallagher. Mary motioned and Pat seconded to accept the prior meeting minutes as published in the Opal. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jose gave the treasurer's report Pat moved, Arlene seconded the motion to accept the report as read. Motion carried and the report is being held for audit. Jose advised that one of the CD's is maturing and in order to manage it, suggested the funds be withdrawn and put into an interest bearing money market account until he can find the best market options. Pat moved and Arlene seconded the motion to temporarily move the fund of the maturing CD to a Money Market account until the best market options can be found for the funds. Motion carried.

Midwest Federation Report: Our MWF liaison, Lee Herrera was not in attendance due to his participation at the "Nammys" (Native American Music Awards) in New Mexico. He and his long-time band "the OX Boyz" were asked to play at the event at which they were also nominated for Best Producer on their CD "neXt eXit." Our best wishes for their success.

Opal Editor Report: Pat said Don Cronauer offered to write articles for the Opal and looks forward to the contribution. Everyone else in the club is also encouraged to send in articles relating to lapidary projects or field trips.

Webmaster's Report: Our webmaster Don Shore was able to join us for the meeting; it was good to see him. Don told us of his bout with diabetes and the many days he spent in the hospital and losing 40 lbs. We wish him the best at getting this under control.

Previous Business: It was decided that better planning is needed during the May Board meeting to have a presentation in place for the September general meeting when the Club resumes from the Summer break.

The tax filing has been completed and approved.

The selection of the nominating committee was made and it included all the Board Members in attendance. The committee will meet directly after the Board Meeting and draw up the slate of officers and general Board members for 2011. The slate will be published in the November OPAL and voted upon at the December general meeting.

Next General Meeting: Stone of the month is Wire Wrapping and Ed Gallagher will be doing a video presentation on the subject of chain maille, a relative to wire wrapping. The mini auction and split the pot will be available at the October meeting.

New Business: The petition for new members John and Judy Keely was presented and voted upon. Motion carried.

2010 upcoming events:

Oct 23: Club activity: Demo Day. Mary Prosek, the Chairperson for the event indicated all was going well for the event and the demonstrators were scheduled. We will be demonstrating Cabochon cutting, Kumihimmo, Polymer Metal Clay (PMC) , Venetian Glass Bead creations, Beading, Chain Maille, Wire Wrapping, Faceting, Silver Cleaning. Table size was discussed and the fact that demonstrations will be on-going thru out the day. A discussion ensued regarding the idea of having “make and take” items for next years “Demo Day”.

Dec 5: Annual Christmas Luncheon Meeting. Chairperson Mary Prosek indicated all is going well for this activity too. Reservations have been made at Angelo's Ristorante in downtown Elmhurst and many of the club members have signed up for the luncheon. Items for the raffle are being donated by club members and others and anyone interested in helping solicit prizes are encouraged to contact Mary.

School Status: Karen reported that the Silver Class is going strong.

All other business was tabled at this time in order for the Nominating Committee to meet directly after the Board Meeting. Results of the Committee will be published in the November OPAL.

No further business appearing a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

By: Arlene Blaha