

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA POTTER'S CLUB
March 25th, 2015 MEETING MINUTES
URBANA FREE LIBRARY, BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

The meeting was called to order by the president.

The March 25th, 2015, meeting minutes were motioned by Jen and seconded by Linda and approved.

Treasurer: Chien-Yu-Chen

\$7000 was moved to savings account and will show up in March Budget.

Laguna payment will show up in March budget.

Monthly budget reports can be accessed as usual by the members.

The membership income amount was incorrectly posted online as \$4130.00. The correct amount is \$4310.00.

Membership: Bette Chapman

Current total number of members are 49 including three newly enrolled members and two inactive members. That brings the total active members to 47.

Two new members received orientation from Cathy. Linda gave orientation to the returning member Kathy Nicol-Smith. (Welcome new members and welcome back, Kathy)

Two more showed interest to join the club.

Studio membership carrying capacity is 50 and the individuals wishing to join the club may contact the membership chair for availability and the names may be placed in waiting list.

Firing: Jane and Bruce co-chairs.

The firing committee was quite busy this month and lot of pieces were fired. All members are very appreciative of firing committee contribution in loading and unloading the pottery pieces.

Thermo coupler in the kin was failed but was fixed with replacement. The expense for thermo coupler was 43.00. It was suggested by Linda that elements in the kiln needs attention and may be replacement in the near future.

Glaze: Bev Rauchfuss

New glazing material was ordered. New batch of black glaze is being tested and will be available for members to use soon.

Experimentation of combining the defective black and white is in progress or it will be started soon.

Web site: Bev Rauchfuss

New members names will be added to the club membership list.

Sales: Jen Mui

Bone yard festival ----- April 10th, 11th and 12th (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

Volunteers are needed for setting up on Thursday evening for Bone Yard festival.

Again, more bowl and mug donations are much appreciated.

Hob Nob ----- Vermillion county May 8th and 9th(Friday and Saturday).

Clay: Laura Weiskamp

Lot of clay is being used in the recent months.

The date of Laguna clay delivery is scheduled for 3/26/15, although the exact time of delivery is not known yet. Need volunteers to receive the shipment and stack them in the club.

(Purchased clay ----- 8 boxes of red and 28 boxes of white clay.)

Laura Weiskamp is stepping down as clay chair at the end of this term.

Craig Willis expressed interest to be a Clay chairperson.

Cleaning: Ursula, Reuter-Carlson

Studio clean up is scheduled on March 28th from 9 am to 12:00.

President: Cathy Cunningham

E -tax was filled and posted. Annual report was sent to the state department.

Club extends its appreciation to Bridget for taking care of door threshold.

Parking amenities will continue.

New Business:

Members expressed suboptimal lighting toward the south side of the studio. Several members suggested number of alternatives to add additional lighting. Cathy will contact Bridget about the possibility of adding additional lighting on the south wall.

Cathy is working on setting up Raku firing in June.

Linda suggested raffle tickets during Bone Yard festival.

Cathy announced her resignation as president in September 2015.

Old Business:

Almost 10 members participated in fairy house project with Cathy on March, 21st. It was a great fun and everybody enjoyed hand building the fairy houses and received lots of tips from Cathy. Fairy houses and related artists pictures were taken and will be displayed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm, followed by show and tell.