

Lampworkers Society Minutes: 10/11/2020

Host: Zoom

Our pre-meeting talk was dominated by the downfalls of attempting to ship breakables and tips for packing glass and ceramics. Kathleen and Tore got a bit into the creative weeds discussing favorite glazes and recipes for making one's own. Talk turned, as always, to tech and the problems with getting it to be even moderately cooperative at the best of times.

Official Start: Kathleen donned a fancy voice and called the meeting to order.

Secretary: Minutes were read to the general enjoyment and education of all attending.

Treasurer: Lester reported no change to the overall total, still sitting at \$3832.85

Membership: No Fred in attendance this round... but also no new members yet! (Tori soon)

VP/Librarian: With Erin out again (and being MIA for nearly all of this year), there was discussion about choosing a new VP/Librarian for the good of the group. Les checked the group bylaws for what should be done with an absentee VP - There is no specific rule regarding the VP or how the next President is chosen. Lendy planned to reach out and touch base with Erin to try and suss out if she is still interested in participating. Discussion was had on the requirements to be the group librarian, and if a new one should be chosen.

The conversation got off track with talk about an in person meeting, and Gloria again offered her porch for an in person meeting for November. All members were in agreement (with a few exceptions of people who aren't breaking quarantine) and plans were set to meet at Glorias November 8th, armed with masks and an ocean of sanitizer.

Historian: We skipped right over history this time... not sure why!

Web: No Tom this time, but Kathleen suggested that when she is no longer president, she could take over the web duties.

Old Business: Carla had responded to Kathleen's email in regard to the potential purchase of the Lampworkers Society domain names. She doesn't mind transferring them to someone, but she can't just transfer them to the group, as they need an individual name to be attached to. (Les is looking into whether with a tax ID we can own them as a company.) Lendy promised to look into the transfer, and Laura pulled up NameCheap.com to check that the domains are purchasable, and they are. The next step is to set up a NameCheap or GoDaddy account for the lampworkers society and purchase them. Lendy is on it.

Katleen asked about the online glass galore show, and Laura showed a newly revamped square site and store that would work for a virtual show. She raised concerns about the number of responses she had received to her requests to members for work and info - the numbers are minute, with only one member having responded at the time of the meeting. Kathleen set the deadline for getting info and pictures to Laura at the end of October. (as of the November meeting, we have 7 people interested, with only 3 having sent some but not all of the requested information... Not enough for a show IMO) Tori offered to set us up an instagram to help promote for the show.

Kathleen asked if along with the donation page for Marilyn's fund, we could have a donation page for Beads of Courage, and Laura confirmed that it could be done!

As a last bit of old business, Laura told the group that she had talked to her friend Brenden Kirby (who she had been repairing stained glass for in his newly acquired church/event space in the Holly Hills neighborhood) and he offered to give them a sweet deal sometime on hosting a future in-person Glass Galore Show.

New Business: Laura told the group about the Second Sunday: Hands of The Makers series that the ISGB has been putting on and discussed an idea about using some of the society funds and bringing in guest artists for the monthly meetings to demo/discuss their work to get more SLLS members back into the zoom room. (thanks to conversations had in the HTM breakout room) Meeting members agreed that live demos, pre-recorded samples or even studio tours are a lovely thing to have in a meeting.

Q-tips:

- Don't pack closets to overflow - Joan
- Don't ask Kathleen to tidy - Kathleen
- Laura extolled the virtues of Etchall acid and Etchall Resist Gel for acid etching beads. Available on <https://frantzartglass.com/>. So much better than nail polish and Martha Stewart. For sealing, clean lines and glorious texture.

Show & Tell:

- Nadine showed us a whole patches-worth of pumpkin pendants.
- Laura shared a fancy photo of a "Bat Most Wee" photographed over shiny black acrylic and a trio of tiny pumpkins, and an odd, limited edition book on glass painting she was given.
- Gloria presented an adorable candy corn bracelet and earrings, a lovely collection of tiny pumpkins and epic witch feet and ghost earring pairs.
- Lester gave the group a glimpse of beads he made with a new double helix glass he got (He thought the name was pantheon, but the closest DH color I can find is Phaeton...)
- Lendy showed off her new Hummingbird Signature Ornament to be premiered at Third Degrees Signature ornament event.
- Tori hunted in vain for her spooooooky slime ghost, but it remained elusive, so she showed us a few recycled glass fused pendants.

Demo: No demo this round

Meeting Closing Notes: The meeting drifted to a close, with Laura asking permission of the members who had participated to share the zoom meeting video with absent members in an effort to drum up enthusiasm.

End of the Lampworkers Society Meeting for September 13th, 2020

Link to the STL Lampworkers Society website: stlouisbead.wordpress.com

And to our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/SLLSociety>