

Guild monthly Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2023

Call to Order – John Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 and thanked everyone who brought refreshments, especially the Hospitality committee.

Approval of the Minutes – The minutes of the last meeting were approved with no revisions.

Treasurer's Report – Newton Linebaugh announced that the Guild is in good financial shape. Revenues were \$109,814 while expenses were \$1,356.00.

President's Remarks – John Miller announced the past and upcoming speakers. Reynard Scott, who works in metal, spoke on October 25. Greyshoes, a sculptor, will speak on November 29; Carol Emarthle-Douglas, a basket maker, will speak on December 13; and Jessa Rae Growing Thunder, soft sculpture/bead artist, will speak on January 31.

John reported that the Guild Explorers viewed the Basha basket collection on November 7.

He announced the following:

1. Holiday Brunch in Steele on December 6
2. no December meeting, with the next monthly meeting January 17
3. David Roche will cover business at the January Guild meeting
4. Steve LaRance will speak about how hoop dances are judged at the January meeting
5. both the Youth Art Show and Sale and Indian Fair and Market will take place March 2 and 3

Holiday Brunch Sign-up – Dale Baker and Linda Zigrossi described the Holiday Brunch sign-up categories and asked that all who expect to attend sign the task sheets at the back table or on the clipboard being passed around.

Membership – Carol Seidberg reported that the Guild has more than 400 members. And she recognized new members. She announced that she has free aprons for events that can be borrowed or kept, with some for the Fair. Her new members orientation was a success. Feedback will be used for the next orientation. Carol will give a tour of the Guild Room after the meeting.

Technology Report – Dan Dolan is moving us to the 21st century in regard to technology, but the focus is not clear and the committee is trying to catch up to the museum. The biggest challenges are old software and hardware, and a way to link the Guild and Museum. New computers have been bought and the servers in the Guild Room are no longer used. Data has been moved to the cloud and backed up. There are new processes and software, and new people must be trained. The Technology team consists of Dan Dolan, Rick Young, Barry Katzen, Rita Baker, Jack Brock, Michael Mandracchia, and Tara Coggins. The team's accomplishments are as follows:

1. videoing events
2. videoing Ann Marshall's lectures for Las Guias classes
3. progress merging the Guild website and Heard website
4. merging applications

Dan asked for more volunteers for the committee.

Heard Museum Report – Kim Adversario thanked the Guild for all its work. She announced the following:

1. the McMichael collection exhibit will be closing next month
2. the ornaments market is next week
3. a new campaign is being launched called the Artists Fund, where 15% of the annual budget can go to support Native artists.

A short break was held for refreshments.

Speaker – Our guest speaker was Stacy Leeds the first female Native American Dean, currently at the ASU law school. She spoke about the law and Indigenous rights. A lively question and answer period followed.