

## St. Louis Lampworkers Society (SLLS) Secretary's Minutes

Meeting Date: 2-10-2008

Meeting Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by:

Kim Ownbey at 2:00

We thanked our host for having us:

Melissa Villadiego

Minutes from the last meeting were not read.

Attendees were: Joan Cross, Melissa Villadiego, Kim Ownbey, Katie Elrod, Barb Crofton, Marily Roberts, Kathleen Osterweise, Erna Garber, Linda Osterweise, Sharon Baunhill, Karla Lester, Emelie Clarin, Sue Wuest, Sharon David, and Patti Skonicki.

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report by Sue Wuest:

We took in \$82.50 during the month of January, and expenses were \$4.12, leaving us with a balance of \$1417.64.

Karla Lester reported that we can't have the Glass Galore show at the Edward Jones Dome, and we are looking for an alternative space for the show. Other choices include (suggested by Joan Cross) the Fenton Community Center, John Burroughs School, the Webster Community Center at 40<sup>th</sup> & Elm, or Queeny Park.

New Business:

Sharon David announced that we will be having a charm exchange. Glass charms (no more than 1" wide or 1" long) are due in November. Participants need to sign up with her, and make one (more or less identical) charm for each participant. Charms are due by the November meeting. Each participant will then receive one charm from each artist.

Kim Ownbey spoke about :

1. the welcome packet for new members that is being prepared. It will include upcoming dates and events, a directory, information about members (how long they have been torching, their specialties, etc.). We need up-to-date information on members for the directory; a request will be sent out in an email. Melissa Villadiego is designing the brochure.

2. Our new website address is [www.stlouisbead.org](http://www.stlouisbead.org) .
3. Should we pro-rate memberships? They are currently not pro-rated.
4. SLLS needs new business cards. It was suggested that we get them printed by gotprint.com; cost is about \$20 for 500. Melissa Villadiego is designing the card.
5. Our website needs to be updated. A form was passed around so that we could write down links that we use to be shared on the website.
6. Tamara Hawn, the Librarian, will begin charging late fees soon for library items that have been checked out for more than 2 months. Funds will be used to buy more items for the library.

#### Announcements:

-There are 9 spots left for the retreat.

-Melissa Villadiego shared a copy of Cindy Jenkins' window bead demo from December. Information from demos will be kept by the secretary or the librarian.

-The next meeting will be March 16<sup>th</sup> at 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Glass Factory. There will be a hearts demo.

#### St. Patrick's Day challenge:

Karla Lester made leprechaun beads, chocolates beads and a bracelet.  
Emelie Clarin made a 4-leaf clover bead.  
Sue Wuest made green dot beads and misc. beads.  
Marilyn Roberts made organic beads.  
Lindo Osterweise made bent glass beads and watches made with them.  
She said she will be doing a demo on them in the future.  
Joan Cross made a green bead with velcro (?) and a green beer bead.  
Melissa Villadiego made a raku and Rocio flower and a large ring bead.  
Sharon David made a pink & white heart pendant.

Melissa Villadiego did an awesome resin pendant demo for us!