

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

Meeting Date: 3-16-2008

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

Meeting was called to order by:

Kim Ownbey at 2:01

We thanked our host for having us:

3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Glass Factory

Minutes from the last meeting were not read.

New Member welcome:

Heidi Sever; she has been lampworking for 2 years and just took the Sage Class at 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Glass Factory.

Lendy Middendorf; she has been lampworking for 6 months.

Attendees were: Melissa Villadiego, Colton Hawn, Tamara Hawn, Karla Lester, Emelie Clarin, Sharon David, Joan Cross, Erna Garber, Heidi Sever, Katie Elrod, Barb Crofton, Lendy Middendorf, Libby Leuchtman, Patti Skonicki, Kim Ownbey, Linda Osterwise, Sue Wuest, Marilyn Roberts, Gail Crozer, Denise Peterson, Kathleen Tarr, Kathy Sickle, and Petra Lau.

Kim Ownbey announced that the order of meeting is being changed. Instead of old business and new business, we will have general announcements. Then we will have:

-Q-Tips: a chance for attendees to ask questions about beadmaking or jewelry-making.

-Bead-N-Tell: a show and tell of beads and explanation of the techniques used in the beads.

-Announcement of the next meeting location, next bead challenge, etc.

-Drawing for the winner of the monthly bead.

Karla Lester reported:

There are 2 months and 3 spots left for the Bead Retreat in May.

The SLLS website has been updated (<http://www.stlouisbead.com/>).

-We are working on a welcome packet, and it is almost done.

-The online membership application is active and ready to be downloaded from the website.

-Information on the 2008 Glass Galore Bead Show is also on the website. It will be Saturday, September 27th, 2008.

More potential new members arrived and were introduced. They were:

Denise Peterson, Kathleen Tarr, Kathy Sickler, and Petra Lau.

The matter of a new SLLS Historian position was brought up. Marilyn Roberts volunteered for the position. We:

- voted to add the position
- voted to make Marilyn the new Historian

Tamara Hawn, the Librarian, reported that she will begin charging late fees soon for library items that have been checked out for more than 2 months.

Karla Lester proposed 2 amendments to the SLLS bylaws:

1. To change St. Louis Lampworker's Society to Saint Louis Lampworker's Society.
2. Add a dissolution clause to the bylaws that states that if the society were dissolved, any items owned by the society would be sold to the members, and the proceeds of that sale would be donated to charity.

Both amendments were passed on a voice vote.

Melissa Villadiego reported that on the progress of the SLLS brochure. She showed us a rough draft of the packet, and informed members that:

-we should bring a bead or beads for Melissa to take pictures for the brochure. Beads are due by May 4<sup>th</sup>, and will be returned at the next meeting.

-The brochure will be ready to print by the June meeting.

-Let Melissa know if you have news, shows, etc.

Sharon David suggested using several bead photos on our Glass Galore postcard, similar to the way they are being arranged in the brochure (small photos in a grid).

Libby Leuchtman suggested becoming a chapter. She/we had been waiting until we had a lot of members to start this process, because we get a certain amount of money from ISGB for each ISGB member that we have when we become a chapter. This money could be used for an education fund.

Patti Skonicki stated that she will look into the requirements for becoming a chapter.

Sharon David reported on the charm exchange for the benefit of new people. Participants need to sign up with her, and make one (more or less identical) charm for each participant. Charms are due by November. Each participant will then receive one charm from each artist. Charms should incorporate lampwork. Attendees were able to sign up on a sheet, or send Sharon an email to join the exchange.

#### Treasurer's Report:

\$125 was collected in March; no expenses were incurred.  
Balance was \$1542.64.

#### Q-tips:

Kim Ownbey asked about using millifiori frit; it has been turning brown for her. There was not a definitive answer for this; Kim stated she will bring the frit and beads next time.

There was a suggestion made to email the Q-tip questions to members ahead of the meetings so that it would be easier to come up with answers.

One attendee asked what size mandrels should be used to make beads to fit the Troll, Biagi or Pandora bracelets. One attendee stated that 3/16" is the correct size. Patti Skonicki stated that 3/16" is fine if the beads will be unlined. Also, Troll bracelets are skinnier than the others and can accommodate smaller bead holes. If beads will be lined with tubing, 3/16" mandrels are fine for Troll bracelets, but Biagi and Pandora bracelets require a 1/4" mandrel.

Next Meeting: Becky Caspersen's house on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00.  
Email Becky for directions. There will be a Retro Bead Liner demo at that meeting. Bring beads made on 3/32" mandrels so you can practice lining beads with the bead liner.

Demos: There were two demos. Karla Lester did a demo on how to make a lampwork heart. First she made a cone bead, then added lobes on either side to form the heart, using gravity to form the shape of the heart.

Libby Leuchtman did a demo of an off-mandrel heart. First she made a flattened heart shape on the end of a rod. She added a loop and shaped the loop in two ways; first by adding glass for the loop, flattening it, and poking a hole in it with a hot tungsten pick. Then she demonstrated adding that same glass for the loop, cutting it in 1/2 with scissors, and shaping the 2 halves with tweezers to form a loop. She then burned off the rod on which the heart was formed.

