

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

Meeting Date: 7-13-2008

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

Meeting was called to order by:

Melissa Villadiego

We thanked our host for having us:

Third Degree Glass Factory

Guests were welcomed:

Eris Elswick and Kathy Sickler.:

Minutes from the last meeting were read by Patti Skonicki.

Attendees were: Patti Skonicki, Erin Elswick, Karla Lester, Crystal (?), Erna Garber, Liza Mitchell, Melissa Villadiego, Sue Wuest, Heidi Sever, Emily Finnegan, Kathy Sickler, Fred Linders, Lendy Middendorf, Betsy Loudon, Les Kumming, and Denise Peterson.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue Wuest reported that in July, we collected \$122.94 and our expenses were \$71.99, which left us with a balance of \$1393.53.

She also stated that for the non-profit application, we need to know assets, financial data, and a statement about the future of the group.

Announcements:

Gallery Show: the gallery show at Third Degree Glass Factory will take place in Sept. 2008 and will coincide with the Glass Galore bead show on 9/27/08.

Entries must be in a 16 x 20 black shadow box with a black background. Pieces that would look better against a white background may have a white background behind them, as long as there is a black border in the box that is at least 2" wide. If the pieces are for sale, put that info on the card, otherwise say that its not for sale.

Glass Galore:

Karla said that the show application should be made available on the SLLS website.

Melissa said that she would check with Sharon on that, but the paper application is ready and available for download on the website.

Les asked who to contact to ask about volunteering to help out with the show. He was told to contact Sharon.

Melissa asked about sponsors for the show; we only have one sponsor so far, Phoenix Art Supplies. Sponsorship costs \$165. Karla stated that she would email Glasshoppers about sponsorship.

Other news:

Betsy said that if anyone is looking for a good website designer, she knows a SLU student who is very good.

Melissa reported on the Glass Extravaganza that was held July 18-20 at Third Degree Glass Factory, which included lampworking, fusing and paperweight-making, field trips, lunch at Becky's, etc.

Patti stated that she had received the information on how to become a chapter and was reviewing it.

Melissa reported that the SLLS informational brochures were printed, but were missing a photo of Barb C.'s bead and are being reprinted. They will be available at the next meeting. Postcards for the Glass Galore show will be available at the next meeting also, along with 11 x 17 posters.

Q-Tips:

Heidi stated that she accidentally clogged 2 port holes on her torch with glass, and asked for input on what to do. Suggestions were: use hole-cleaning wire; maybe buy a new tip if the tips is removable; ask Leslie at GT.

Denise found a nice beading tote with bead organizer boxes at Walmart for \$20 (this was at the Walmart at Lindbergh and 44).

Heidi said that she is going to the gathering and wanted to know if it is possible to take her lampworking or jewelry-making tools on the airplane?

Karla said that you could not bring pliers (carryon) but with other tools, it varies depending on the airport; they might let you slide. You can check anything in your checked bags, and beads are ok. Crochet needles and knitting needles are ok too.

Crystal asked what were everyone's favorite torches? Answers included the minor and the lynx.

Heidi asked where to buy oxygen concentrators; answers included checking the LE garage sale and LE vendors, and Ebay.

Bead-N-Tell: The challenge was using EDP (Effetre #254).

Sue—beads made with the mini ruffler, EDP donuts and experiments.

Heidi—florals

Fred—off-mandrel spiral pendants, cloisonee, and beads made with Bullseye glass.

Lendy—tiny summer donuts, EDP flowers.

Les—purple beads and beads with dichroic.

Denise—the 1st bead that is good enough to sell.

Emilie—EDP lentil and bracelet.

Patti—pandora beads, beads made with the crystal press, and r/w/b beads.

Karla—beads made with Zimmerman purple (Z-99), EDP stripes, florals and fall colors rounds.

Melissa—blown vessel made into teapot.

Erna won the monthly drawing bead made by Betsy.

Next challenge will be using coral.

Next Meeting: August 10th at Glasshoppers.

Demos: Tamara Hahn could not be present, but sent some handouts and examples of Kumihimo.

Melissa showed how she had mounted some jewelry for the Bead Gallery show that will take place at Third Degree Glass Factory starting around Sept. 16-17th.