

Guild Monthly Meeting

February 21, 2024

Call to Order: John Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00.

Approval of the Minutes: Dale Baker called for the approval of the minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously with no corrections.

Treasurers Report: Newton Linebaugh reported that we have approximately \$482,000.00 on hand and expenses are in line with what was expected. We are down 2 booths for the Fair and Marcus is working to fill them. In addition, second place ribbons still need to be purchased. See Jack Schwimmer to purchase the ribbons.

President's remarks: John Miller presented changes to the By-Laws. The current By-Laws call for the executive committee to have three positions of president, president elect, and past president. The changes to the executive committee are to have only the president and vice president positions. The positions of secretary and treasurer remain. The past president can serve on the board in other positions. The Guild Board has approved these changes. Cozette Matthews moved to approve, and Jane Sandford seconded the motion. The changes were approved.

Indian Fair and Market: Jane Sandford and Frank Vickory reported that the Fair is on track and thanked the committees for their work. Jane encouraged everyone to buy raffle tickets and said that we needed 5 more ribbons purchased. She also asked for volunteers for staging. Frank requested that any chairs who cannot be at the Fair meeting at 1:30 see him right after the meeting today about their water and delivery needs. Jane encouraged members to think about taking on the responsibilities of a committee chair for next year. She also thanked Christy Sinclair for donating the citrus fruit. Christy reported that she has a full crew picking on the 24th.

Youth Art Show and Sale: Gladys Matthews reported that she is fully staffed but will still take volunteers. The pre-registration form created resulted in 19 schools and 32 individuals from 11 states registered. At the preview during Best of Show there will be students from Zuni as well as Hopi and Oneida students in the Monte Vista room.

Guild Travels: Shelley Mowry report that there are still two slots for the trip to Santa Fe April 29-May 6. Road Scholar will meet people in Santa Fe and other participants will be carpooling from Phoenix. The event sold out fast.

Membership Update: Carol Seidberg reported that the orientation for new members will take place directly after the meeting in the foyer. They will hear about the Guild committees and have a walk through in the museum. Members can still sign up for the docent exchange. Members volunteering at the Fair who need aprons should see Pat Kilburn. After the Fair, aprons can be returned to the Guild room. Carol also announced that honorary and lifetime Guild members must be current in their museum membership. Those who are not current will not be allowed to be a Guild member. She also announced that the Guild Room is a mess, and she will be throwing things away. Connie Thorton will also decide what needs to be discarded. Note, there are 3 coats hanging in the room that will be given to Goodwill.

Museum Update: Lucia Leigh Laughlin reported in Kim Adversario's absence. The newest member of the Learning and Engagement team was introduced. Lucia Leigh reported that Hoops had record attendance of 7,596. There was a tie for first place and for the first time there was a dance off. Josiah Enriques was the winner. The other winners are posted on-line.

Other Museum Updates: Maria and Modernism opens on the 23rd with multiple activities. Family Fun Zone will be part of the Fair and located on the lawn outside of Monte Vista with art activities and a bouncy house. Children 12 and under will be admitted to the Fair free on Sunday. Best of Show tickets are \$75.00. April is member appreciation month and guests accompanied by a member do not have to pay to enter the museum. The digital membership card will be ready in April and staff will help you download it. April 6th is Katsina market, April 15th the shop is moving to Encanto and Steele during renovations. April 28th is Children's Appreciation and the member picnic.

After the break, Lucile Maho gave the land acknowledgement and thanked the Guild for their respect for Native people. She also thanked Christy Sinclair for her donation of fruit for the Fair.

Shelley Mowry introduced our speaker, Dennis Bowen Jr. He has been Hoop Dance emcee and is a member of the Western Allegheny Senecas. He substituted for

Martin Harvier of the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian community. Sheila Melhem and Diane Leonte, chairs of Cultural Performances, praised Mr. Bowen for his work as emcee at Hoops and thanked his family. Mr. Bowen began speaking in the Seneca language. Switching to English he spoke about the origin of the name Seneca, the experience of European contact, peace, wellness, faith keepers, governance structure, cultural teachings, clan mothers and their roles and responsibilities, and naming practices. He introduced himself as a member of the Bear Clan on his mother's side and that his father was a member of the Snipe Clan. He showed a map of the homelands of the Confederacy members, the Haudenosaunee. He told the origin story of Turtle Island, the building of Kinzua Dam that resulted in the burning of homes and other buildings, and his sovereignty trial. He concluded with the two-row wampum agreement. Afterwards he took questions.