

Guild Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2024

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

Approval of the minutes: Dale Baker called for approval of the minutes. Since there were no additions or deletions, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Newton Linebaugh reported that the Guild is in good financial shape with \$255,000.00 on hand. He is working on reconciliation and expects an additional \$200,000.00 to be deposited in the bank. Expenses are as expected, and he is waiting for invoices related to the Fair. After which, it will be decided how much to donate to the museum.

President's Remarks: John Miller thanked the fair chair for a successful Fair. There were 19,000.00 attendees. He singled out Gladys Matthews for a successful YASS and thanked Christy Sinclair for 4,500.00 lbs. of fruit. He encouraged everyone to turn in their service hours this month.

Membership: John Miller reported on membership. He announced that dues are due at the end of March, aprons should be returned to the Guild room and that Jerry Cowdry is doing tours on Friday.

Presentation of Guild Board Officer Candidates: Christy Sinclair presented the slate (President – Shelley Mowry, Vice President – Jane Sandford, Treasurer- Newton Linebaugh, Secretary -Dale Baker, Nominations Chair – Christy Sinclair). She asked for nomination from the floor. There were no nominations. Voting will take place April 17.

Katsina Market: Cyndy Ross announced that the 15th annual Katsina Market will be held from 10:00 to 4:00 on April 6 in Steele. She encouraged everyone to come early as carvers often leave before 2:30. She announced that there will be entertainment at 11:00 and 2:00 with a singer and hoop dancers. The event is hosted by the shop. The Guild provides hospitality to reciprocate for the hospitality we receive when visiting Hopi. There will be a continental breakfast and lunch for the carvers. There is no pre-registration so we do not know how many carvers will attend. A Fire God katsina made by Alex Yovella will be raffled. The base is red with battery operated lights to look like embers burning. Raffle

tickets can be purchased in the shop. The museum shop is providing \$2,500.00 for the Best of Show award.

Fair Chairs Report: Jane Sandford thanked all Fair chairs and announced that we need new chairs for next year.

Las Guias Training and Recruiting: Linda Hefter, who has been a guide for 27 years, reported on a successful new class that will graduate in April. She is recruiting for next year's class of 2025. Applications can be picked up in the back of the auditorium.

Heard Museum update: Dan Hagerty and Jack Schwimmer spoke about all the ways to support and give to the museum. These include being a donor, Guild member, museum member, visitor and making purchases at the shop. There are also ways to donate including Best of Show Artist fund, Grand Gallery Exhibit fund, Moondance, Programs/Exhibits, and planned giving. BOS raised \$120,000.00. Artist fund raised \$300,000.00, Grand Gallery/ Exhibits raised \$400,000.00, and Moondance raised one million dollars. The museum has a \$14 million budget. Funds support exhibits and programs such as acquisitions and collections, school programs, capital improvements, and Hoop Dance. Planned giving can include the museum as the beneficiary of IRAs, art collections, stock, real estate and other estate gifts. This year the museum received three estate gifts totaling \$700,000.00. Jim Szabo sked about the tax implications of giving. He was directed to speak with a tax consultant or estate planner. However, gifts to the Heard are tax deductible.

After the break Dr. Traci Morris (Chickasaw), the executive Director of the American Indian Policy Institute at ASU, gave a presentation. She spoke about tribal digital sovereignty. She provided demographics on connectivity, definitions, facts about connectivity, the history of tribal connectivity going back to the telegraph, as well as current and pending legislation and having a seat at the table when policy decisions are being made. She has testified before Congress and the FCC concerning these issues.