

Raindrops Board Meeting - January 2018

January 20, 2018 at Black Bear Diner

Board Attendees:

Peggy Smith, Dinky Davis, Bobbie Redington, Carol Thumberg, Charmaine Bannister, Jenn Kersten, Salomeja Garolis, Judy Meirow, Debbie Gill, Marie Morris, Susan

Meeting called to order at 12:26pm

AGENDA

Peggy Smith (President) Opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for coming.

She expressed her pleasure with the banquet success and shared a thank you letter from the Monarch - given to secretary to file.

Peggy thanked Carol Thumberg for making 50 stockings for the kid's Christmas stockings at the shelter that were successfully filled and delivered. They have several items leftover and will continue to collect items for next year.

Dinky Davis (Vice-President) Announced Bob is setting up a "store" on the website that will allow people to pay for seminars, chapter dues, etc. through Pay Pal. A fee of 2.2% is added to transactions which everyone agreed is reasonable for the convenience and accountability the process provides.

It was agreed the chapter will pick up the 2.2% fee for chapter registrations only (0.44 cents for each \$20 dues fee)

Bob is working out how to connect payments and registration forms to insure those who pay are signed up and visa-verse. Registrars will be prompted to print & complete the affiliated form, then mail or scan in to whoever is collecting them.

Dinky spoke to Linda Sharp about teaching this year. Linda said the soonest she is available will be October 2019.

Dinky shared that a NY chapter pays for their outgoing president's National and Chapter Dues as their parting gift instead of shopping for personalized items. The board agreed this was a great idea.

>The chapter owns 4 laptops. Dinky will contact users and redistribute as needed to new users (Convention, Newsletter, Treasurer, Secretary). Bob makes sure these tools are kept updated and loaded with current security software. If

users prefer to use their own equipment they will need to save to a thumb drive for end of year reconciliation. Dinky mentioned Bob can save to the cloud (*more detail is needed*).

Bobbie Redington (Secretary) Moved to approve December meeting minutes. Judy Meirow seconded and all approved.

Carol Thumberg (Treasurer) Reported the SDP annual report was sent in as was the 1099 form. New 2018 Reimbursement Forms are ready and will be posted on the website soon.

Charmaine Bannister (Membership) Reported we have 67 registered members. She has been contacting previous members to renew – there are still a few missing, including teachers. Elizabeth Stoll signed up as a sponsor - our first!

Proposal to Board: Eliminate Bi-Laws and Standing Rules from the Directory in order to reduce page count and allow for colored photos. Keeping everything will be expensive. We can add a note on the membership renewal form offering to provide these documents to anyone interested and can keep a few hard copies for distribution as requested at meetings.

Peggy motioned to remove, Carol seconded – all approved

>Bobbie will obtain current versions from Lisa Ludwig, update and copy for the file and for chapter meetings for anyone who might want them.

Salomeja Garolis (Education) Announced Yvonne Kresal is scheduled for June 23rd & 24th to teach a vintage Santa (photos shared). This is a two-day project because of all the detail. Class fee is \$70 for the pattern, photo & instructions. Surface is separate. The board re-acknowledged there is no price reduction for those who only want to attend one day.

Salomeja is working with Judy at Smooth Cut to provide wood for sale.

Beth Wagoner is scheduled for September 15th & 16th, prior to Seattle convention. She is willing to design a special piece for us. She is willing to stay with a chapter member to save money.

>Bobbie Redington is considering offering her home, depending on the overall schedule (Bobbie to let Salomeja know at Feb. meeting)

Debbie Gill (Sunshine Lady) mentioned no dedicated box was passed on so she will create one to include a current chapter member list, cards and stamps. Several people at the meeting offered to donate cards – to be brought to the Feb. meeting.

Marie Morris (2018 Retreat Chair) reported there are 21 signed up w/ only 24 spaces available. Current cut-off for member sign up is February 17th. It is thought many more will sign up at the Feb. meeting. She will contact the retreat center to ask for additional space as needed.

There was discussion about non-chapter-members paying an additional fee of \$50 to help cover additional chapter expenses since registration only covers the venue & meals. The chapter pays the additional expenses for members.

>There are currently 4 non-members signed up. Marie will contact them to ask for the additional \$50 or encourage them to join our chapter.

It was suggested we sell raffle prizes all year long to help with retreat expenses.

> Dinky has several convention class projects that were forfeited by a registrar who could not attend. She suggested raffling to support retreat - all agreed.

NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSIONS

Convention - we need to make a decision at the February meeting on hosting a convention in 2019. If yes, a committee chair and adequate volunteers will first need to be established. Volunteers need to understand the commitment and detail involved. A venue will need to be selected ASAP.

Seminar Fees for non-members – the board agreed to add \$15 to the base fee of all seminars for non-members in order to encourage them to join. Fees will be published accordingly on the website and in newsletter class announcements.

Benefits of being a chapter member was brought up and the question asked – what does the chapter stand for? No resolution or action items at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm