

Raindrop Chapter Decorative Painters, Portland Oregon

Member of the Society of Decorative Painters

Minutes of the General Meeting

February 7, 2015 Milwaukie Lutheran Church, Milwaukie Oregon

Meeting was called to order at 10:04 by Georgia Magarrell, Vice President.

Introductions of the group were made we had 33 members includes 2 new members Present; 2 visitors/Guests.

We will not have a class today – we do not have a teacher, Janine is very ill. We will be doing our meeting and then working on convention update.

We are going to try a new format for our meetings today – we want our meetings to be more relaxed and comfortable. We want to welcome out new members and did introductions. We ask that we keep in mind the code of ethics, which was posted in the front of the room.

Chairperson's Reports:

- President – Gift presented to Malinda Fedoras for most Shriners boxes
- Need ways and means committee needs a chair if you are interested please see Georgia.
- Vice President's Report:
 - April 4th meeting – Georgia Magarrell teaching “What Does That Brush Do” \$3.00 Includes Journal.
- Secretary – Ask that if you speak at the meeting please say your name, first and last so that I can record it in the minutes.
 - Minutes approved as printed was moved by Joan Porter, second, Susan Mass approved by unanimous voice vote.
 - Email changes to the minutes to RaindropSecretary@gmail.com
- Chapter Advisor – Terry Banton
 - Raffle for president's trip to national was held at the end of the meeting.
 - Volunteers Free Paint-In for all volunteers who work on the many aspects of the convention October 24th. Our teacher will be announced at the next meeting!
 - Banquet décor for the convention – we need 35 tables decorated – we have 17 covered so far – you will get \$30.00 to cover the supplies. Please let Terri Banton know if you can do one. Our theme is the four seasons. We are not a young chapter if you think it might not be able to do it by yourself, let us know and we'll find someone to help you!
 - If you have anyone willing to donate for goodie bags or gifts for the table please let Terri know so that we don't ask the same people over and over!
- Education & Retreat – Debbie Gill
 - Retreat – need to sign up today March 27-29 in Eagle Creek, Oregon. Food logging included in the price. Lots of great fun, great painting projects and raffle items too!
 - Sherry nelson coming for oil seminar – simple intro and then a more detailed 2 day class. The cost is \$25.00 a day at union hall – three days total
- Treasurer Report as of December 31, 2014

Checking- Beginning	\$30,093.75
Income	7,466.00
Expenses	<8,331.73>
Ending Balance	\$29,503.02

 - We did have a loss of \$7,000 in 2014.
 - Question was asked about financial information in the newsletter that is posted on the website. The financial information from the December meeting were in the newsletter that was posted on the web site in error. Two copies of the minutes are sent for posting, one without the financial information, this is in the newsletter published on the website, and a 2nd set if minutes with the financial information posted in the members only section of the website for members to review.
- Newsletter/Web Site: Need articles for the newsletter emailed by February 15th to Charmaine.
 - Newsletter is voluntary thing – and it is very time consuming.
 - Can we have the time of the meeting listed in the newsletter and on the website

- We are developing a new website – we hope it will be more user friendly and if you have suggestions about what you would like to see please let Charmaine Bannister know.
- New Password will be Seasons2015 starting February 15,
- Membership: our membership is currently 91 members. The membership directories were available for pick up, if you have corrections please let Joan Porter know so we can post them in an upcoming newsletter.
- Sunshine Lady: Several cards were sent to members in the hospital and one to a member whose spouse passed away. For more information on who was sent cards please speak with Sharron Hansen.
- Secret Pals – Susan Maas – If you have a secret pal please let Susan know who you are and who is your secret pal is. Please don't forget your secret pals!
- Memory Boxes – lots came in today, thank you! We have new ones that need to be painted. We are giving a gift at each meeting for the person who turned the most memory boxes at each meeting. Charmaine turned in 8!
- Library – thank you Nancy Hughes, she donated a lot of patterns to our library.
- Historian – Bobbie Baugher – she is having technical issues and welcomes pictures from others for any and all events.

Old Business:

- What time are we having meetings? Do we want meetings at the Union Hall to be paint first and then have the meeting afterwards? We are trying to have our meetings done by 11:00 so the teacher can have more time to paint. We had discussion followed by a raised hand vote and meetings will be held first with painting afterward.

New Business:

- Start of Meeting – we would like to have the meeting start at 9:30, the earlier start will give our teacher more time. Lunch break would be given by the teacher. The church would be open at 8:00 a.m. starting in April our meeting will start at 9:30
- Reports for meeting - An email will be sent to all chapter and committee chairs asking if they have something to report. If you do not have anything to report please let us know and we will skip you at the meeting – if you are not going to be able to attend you can give your report to Georgia and she will give it to you.
- Discussion about the newsletter being emailed to everyone who has email and are able to print it themselves. Of our 91 members 42 have requested that they receive it via US Postal. Discussion about pros and cons resulted in confirming that if you need it via mail you can still get it that way. But perhaps try it via email.
- Are we going to have catalogs to take to Las Vegas convention? Yes, more discussion on convention items after general meeting.
- Spring paint a pin – take a pin event at the next meeting – look for info in newsletter.
- If someone gives a check and a class is canceled – please return the check instead of depositing it. Or if you hold a check for a period of time (more than 3 months) please let the person know when it is being deposited.

CONVENTION UPDATES

- Convention Teachers - the class selections have been made. Canadian teachers cannot teach in the US any longer as it is no longer financially feasible for them due to tariffs and taxes. We have 68 teachers and 77 classes scheduled. If there was a possibility we gave teachers 3 classes to make it more feasible for them to continue teaching.
- Booklet – there is an order to do things, we are hoping everything goes well and the estimate will hold up. This is the first time we have put it on a thumb drive; once the book is approved it to them it will take 18 to 24 hours to get the booklet printed. Price will be approximately \$2,500 we have spent \$6000 before. We will be using a bulk mailer to send about ½ the books via the mailing list Joan has been putting in a database. This is a huge job and we thank everyone for all their efforts.
- Chapter Booth – Bobbie Baugher – We are creating a Raindrop Bucket – we want members to paint the different sections of the booklet and it will be used for raffles going forward. Bobbie will finish the bucket. We hope to have it finished by convention. She also has 2 rubber boots she is looking for someone to paint as a raffle item.
- Next convention meeting will be Feb 19th Thursday at 6:00pm the Church if you are interested in helping out you are welcome to attend the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at: 11:13 p.m. Next meeting April 4 9:30 at Union Hall Tualatin

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Ludwig, Secretary