

Local Clay Minutes – 5/13/09

Attending: Michael Fromme, Elaine Pruett, Sarah Lyn Brooks, Avi Harriman, Frank Gosar, Paula Mance, Maryanne Smith, Cheryl Weese, Merry Newcomer, Pat Brooks, Katie Swenson, Wayne Lambert, Kay Irish, Leslie Friedman

Secretary: Elaine moved and Avi seconded approval of the March minutes.

Treasurer:

Balance Forward	\$6148.07	
Income	210.00	
Expenses	301.12	
Balance forward	6056.95	with additional deposit of \$120

credited after close of this statement.

Clay Fest: Avi will request a firm report from each chair at the May 21 meeting. He re-confirmed the schedule with the Fairgrounds. A ½ day move-in on Wednesday was reserved for booth marking and pipe/drape set-up. Michael Baines will chair the set-up committee.

Clay in Ed: No money has been allocated from the account so far this year. There was one inquiry from a non-member, who hasn't joined Local Clay. Maryanne has been letting art teachers know that resources are available. The funds from Local Clay are used to pay the person for hands-on teaching. If the school has funds for that purpose, the Local Clay money can be used for kiln loading and firing.

Empty Bowls: Food for Lane County is still accepting submissions even though the deadline has passed. Please bring your bowls to Clay Space or Food for Land County as soon as possible. The Empty Bowls sale will be held at Clay Space on May 29th. The Clay Space website gives this advice: The event starts at 5:30 pm but get here as soon as you can. Last year the line went down the street! You might be lucky to get behind the couple with the lawn chairs and cooler. Mark your calendars for this sure to be amazing event. I heard there might also be live music!

Scholarship Committee: Elaine contacted LCC and Cheryl contacted Umpqua Comm. College. LCC requested a minimum scholarship of \$500. The Art Department should be responsible for administering the scholarship to a fully enrolled art student with an interest in ceramics. Barbara Enright of LCC told Elaine that \$1000 makes a big difference to a student.

Umpqua told Cheryl that they have groups that will match the funds we give. The man she met with gave her a letter with suggestions for writing the grant.

Elaine will explore the possibility for matching funds from LCC. We'll provide a \$1,000 scholarship for one year. We can split our donation between both schools. If matching funds are available for both, the \$500 will become \$1000 for each school. Avi moved that we donate \$500 each for scholarships to LCC and UCC. Frank seconded. The motion carried.

Frank requested a cover letter detailing the agreement from each school's scholarship administrator, which will state what we're contributing, who's eligible, and who's administering it. We'd also like a photo of a finished piece along with a photo of the scholarship recipient at the end of the school year.

Workshops: the Ellen Currans workshop at LCC this Sunday is full and should be wonderful! Tentative workshops are in the planning stages for late October of November and for January 2010. Details will be available as they come.

August Picnic: Carolyn Osborn-Sommer has offered her home as the site for the August 23 picnic. She has a raku kiln already set up. Carolyn lives off of River Rd. Details to follow. Please mark your calendar for this wonderful event. The last two picnics have been so much fun! If you can make it, this will be a "Must-Attend" event!

New Business:

A wood fire kiln building workshop will take place in early August over several weekends at Michal Fromme's in Springfield.

This Saturday Clay Space will celebrate its first anniversary and inauguration of the new wood firing pizza oven, which cooks a pizza in 90 seconds! It's a Potluck Pizza Party. Bring cheese, your favorite pizza toppings and a side dish to share. Bring your own beverage. They'll supply the sauce and dough. The party will be held this Saturday, May 16 at 4 pm at Clay Space, 222 Polk. Congratulations, guys!

Katie announced our appreciation to Michael for sending so much information via email, with special thanks for sending the reminder of the approaching Clay Fest deadline. Great job, Michael!

Katie moved that the meeting be adjourned. Avi seconded.

Demo: Kay gave a detailed class on how to prepare for and teach a Clay in Ed class for schools and senior centers. It was very involved and quite fascinating! Thanks, Kay.