

Local Clay Minutes
1/23/2014

Present: Ziggy Blum, Maryanne Smith, Annie Heron, Nolan Blansit, Bob Richardson, Karen Washburn, Avi Harriman, Merry Newcomer, Debbie Christensen, Samuel Becerra, Katie Swenson

Minutes: Ziggy pointed out that her name was left off the list of members present at the November meeting; with that amendment, minutes were approved.

The opening question for discussion was, "What is your most coveted piece of studio equipment?"

Election of Officers: The slate shown below was unanimously approved by those present.

President: Ziggy Blum
Secretary: Annie Heron
Treasurer: Robin Russell
Clay in Education: Maryanne Smith
Program: Avi Harriman
Clay Fest: Karen Washburn
Empty Bowls: Nolan Blansit
Webmaster: Merry Newcomer
Workshops: Leslie Friedman*

*Leslie accepted this provisionally – workshops have not been making money, and the idea was raised to only have the workshop chair be responsible for notifying others of

workshops in the area. This will need to be discussed at a board meeting, and then dealt with through the by-laws.

Treasurer's Report: Details posted on the website. Basically we ended 2013 with a balance of \$2240.84; this, however, represents a loss for the year of \$1734.17. Merry said we are using up our reserves. Income since 1/1/14 has been \$445., and there have been no expenses so far this year.

Clay in Education: Roxanne Hunnicut is doing an Empty Bowls project with young folks in Grants Pass, and Annie Heron is proposing a project at North Eugene High School. There was an open-ended discussion relating to future ideas for clay in ed; possibility of using it as scholarship money for potters to attend workshops, etc. This will be pursued at the Board meeting.

Secretary's Report: Avi agreed to help Annie try to figure out how to use our Network Solutions account to send out emails.

Workshops: Nolan will be presenting on Saturday January 25. He described his workshop plans for those present.

Programs: Avi's idea for the new year is to have members bring in ideas and innovations to share. He will present the first one when we meet in March. He also reported on the Social Media work he did around Clay Fest on both Local Clay and Clay Fest Facebook pages.

Clay Fest: Karen reported that she has assembled a list of

chairs, trainees and dates.

Empty Bowls: Nolan reported that plans are being hatched; he will let us know when dates have been set for the sale and throwathon. He encouraged members to come out for the throwathon – a good time can be held with a result that helps those less fortunate in the community.

Webmaster: Merry says that the earlier people renew their memberships, the better. If anyone has information about workshops, please let her know and she can put this on the website. She also reminded members to submit and/or update pictures for the website gallery.

Ziggy mentioned that any members on Etsy interested in forming an Etsy “team” should contact her and she will help facilitate this.

The meeting was adjourned and all joined in an excellent potluck.

Local Clay Treasurer’s Report 1/23/2014

Balance brought forward 12/31/13:\$2240.84

Income:

2014 Memberships	405.00
2015 Memberships	15.00
N Blansit Workshop	25.00

Total income: 445.00

Expenses:

No expenses paid for period

Ending balance 1/23/14 \$2685.84