

FIRE & RAIN MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2012

Stacy Frost, President, called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

The President thanked Kathy Johnson for use of her facility for the meeting. Kendra apologized for missing any email questions.

Cynthia Toops spoke about the 3 x 2 exhibit. They had over 126 entries and choose 40. Congratulations to Dan Adams, Stacy Frost and Laura Bowker for being chosen.

The Vice President, Caroline Kuknyo, is moving to Salt Lake City, but is interested in still being involved through the Gathering. Per the by-laws, the President chooses Leslie Thiel (Co-Events Coordinator) to fill in the position for the rest of 2012. Nominations will be open until the October 2012 meeting. So every member for Fire & Rain is welcome to nominate anyone else for the position. The position will be voted on at the December 2012 meeting along with the other Board positions.

Financial – Fire and Rain continues to be financially sound, with no extra ordinary expenses.

Kendra Bruno is speaking at the NWBS meeting this Thursday. NWBS is still looking for a chairman for the 2012 Bazaar.

Membership – Fire & Rain currently has 4 new members, bringing the membership total to 54. If you have questions on your joining date, email the Membership chairman.

Retreat – Laura Bowker covered. 30 attendees. It was covered that attendees needed to bring bead and a clasp to make a bracelet, large hole mandrels, flat tab bead. There has been a last minute addition of Andrea Guarino for Saturday afternoon and she will be staying Saturday night.

Gathering

Gathering Table – Laura Bowker is willing to co-chair the table and Sarah Worth volunteered to co-chair with her. Ellen Harbison will supply the table clothes, receipt books, cash box, lights, etc. for the table.

Shows – there are two more show beside the 3 x 2.

Beads of Courage – All Things Bright and Colorful is a non-juried. Laura Bowker's company is building the case. It will go to Seattle Children's Hospital. One bead per person and must be an ISGB member.

Pendant Show – Voices in Glass. A single bead hanging on something, leather, string. Pictures due by the end of April. Can be for sale.

PJ Hicks is having an open house on the Monday before the Gathering. 9 AM to whenever.

Volunteers – Volunteers are very important. But you must volunteer through the ISGB site, not through Fire & Rain. If you volunteer for 6 or more hours, your name will go into a hat for a drawing for free registration for the 2013 Gathering.

Student Scholarships. Leslie Thiel has the information if anyone knows of schools with glass programs.

Bazaar Flyers – Please pick up as many as you might need and pass around to the places you visit – libraries, post office, and grocery store bulletin boards, coffee shops.

Release a Bead Program – Again, pick up as many flyers as you might need and drop them off in a small baggie with a bead and release them in places you visit – libraries, post office, grocery store bulletin boards, coffee shops.

1000 Bead Project – Gathered 600 beads today. Lara Lutrick won the raffle for donating beads. 400 of the beads will go on handles of Gathering registrant bags and 600 for hotel and convention center staff. Kathy Johnson started this project in 1996.

Post Card Project – Stacy Frost will photograph your beads and encouraged all to have their own post cards made.

Challenge – Beads are on display and everyone should vote.

New challenge is Shards. A bead made of any kind of glass using your shards. Please try to push your boundaries. Donna Prunkard demoed an easy way to make shards.

An announcement was made that Leah Fairbanks is teaching at Pratt Fine Art Center on July 19th & 20th and a second class on July 21st and 22nd.

Meeting was adjourned.