

FIRE AND RAIN MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 18, 2012

1. President's Report –Stacy Frost:

Thank you to Laura Bowker for hosting today's meeting in her fantastic studio.

Thank you to everyone for participating and helping with everything we did for the Gathering. It was wonderful to have so many volunteers. We got everything done and on time. It went beautifully!

2. The Gathering Report – Kendra Bruno:

Thank you! Kendra is proud to be a member of Fire and Rain. She has worked on many Gatherings in many different cities and doesn't always have a group like this to help. It couldn't have gone better. We did all we volunteered for and did it well and ahead of time, making it smooth and easy. There was a large amount of local participation and enthusiasm.

The Gathering was a big success. She's gotten a lot of good feedback. The survey hasn't been done yet, though, and that's where the more negative criticism tends to come. It was a very popular location. Kendra doesn't have good financial numbers yet. She has briefly looked at some and thinks the live auction may have brought in somewhere over \$10,000 and the silent auction somewhere over \$6000. (rough estimates)

Next year's Gathering will be in Rochester. The location and format of the following year's Gathering has not yet been decided.

Kendra solicited feedback & comments about the Gathering.

3. Treasurer's Report – Ellen Harbison:

Gathering Bead Bazaar – everyone at the Fire and Rain table sold something. The table total is \$1722.

Ellen has financial reports, if anyone wants to see them.

Ellen has signed us up for 3 tables at NWBS bazaar. Please pay \$15 to hold your spot. The deadline to sign up is 9/15. The bead bazaar dates are 9/26-27. We're hoping for the same space as last year. We will need 6 people per shift + Ellen will do check out. You're selling everyone's beads, not just your own and may get assigned to a different part of the table. You'll get participation

credit for our table and, if there are more volunteers than shift spots, for NWBS volunteering. Consider doing both. 10% of proceeds will go to NWBS + %10 to F&R if you work a shift, %30 if you don't. Membership renewal deadline was Feb. 29 for renewing members. Cynthia Toops noted that how to improve small object photography will be one of the demos.

#### 4. New Business – Stacy Frost:

Next year's board – we need board members. Many of the current board members have been on the board for a long time and we would love to have some new board members and new ideas. Submit your names by Oct. mtg. Voting will take place at the Dec.mtg. Positions: president, vice president, membership coordinator, treasurer, secretary, events coordinator. The event coordinator position can be easily shared by two people and the duties include planning activities for meetings or separate events, finding meeting locations and coordinating the chapter table at the NWBS bead bazaar. More information regarding positions may be found here: <http://www.fire-and-rain.org/FireandRainCodeOfRegulations.html>

#### 5. Challenge:

We voted on the buttons. Congratulations to the winner, Cheryl Matson. Cheryl won CIM glass for her butterfly button.

Next challenge - off mandrel lampworked anything, must be done with torch.

6. The meeting concluded and was followed by a barbeque and a lampwork demo conducted by Cheryl Matson.