

Fire and Rain Meeting Minutes October 14, 2012

Vice President, Leslie Thiel, called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm. Members made beads for Beads of Courage prior to this meeting at Pratt.

Treasurer's Report – Ellen Harbison.

Ellen has the profit and lost statement through last night, minus checks for bead bazaar. Let her know if you want to see it.

Gathering Bead Bazaar: Sales at Fire and Rain table at the ISGB Gathering Bead Bazaar totalled \$1722.

We purchased one table and ISGB gave us one table for being the host chapter.

NWBS Bead Bazaar: We sold approx \$1000 less than last year, but the difference is approximately Larry Scott's sales last year and he didn't participate this year. Our total sales were \$5108.50. We did very well! We've paid our 10 percent to NWBS. We host the table for our members to have the benefit of trying their hand at selling at a low risk, not for Fire & Rain to make a profit. Everyone who participated paid \$15 + 10 percent to hold spot and cover costs, as needed, plus 10 percent to NWBS. Our table rental cost was \$500 with a \$612.40 cost to Fire & Rain to run the table. We needed only \$6.50 table fee per person, so \$8.50 will be refunded. Checks were handed out.

There have been no extraordinary costs this period. The chapter postcard went well. We paid our website renewal fee of \$111 for the year.

Elections – Leslie Thiel and Cheryl Matson

Terms end at end of the year. Board members reviewed their positions and job descriptions. Members are encouraged to run for offices. Some current members wish to step down after at least two years in their current positions and all others are willing to do so if someone is interested in the position. We'd love to have some new board members.

Safety – Cheryl Matson:

She has seen some bad burns over the years of working and teaching at Pratt. While sitting at torch, never have anything in front of torch, because you have to reach underneath and if you get distracted, you burn yourself.

Banner – Cheryl Matson:

F & R banner is in bad shape and is too small. Members agreed that we should re-design the banner to include the logo and make it longer. It should be sized to run along an 8 ft. table. Suggestions: Stretch the logo out with Fire and Rain

printed across and in ISGB NW Region in smaller print below or have the logo at each end with writing in between.

Regional Retreat – Leslie Thiel:

Laura Bowker is trying to narrow down a date with Pilchuck. Pilchuck needs to find out when winter renters will be out. Laura is considering opening it first to ISGB members then to non-ISGB chapter members and possibly beyond to enlarge the event and keep the cost down.

Questions and discussion regarding the retreat ensued and included the following:

- Some find the cost to be prohibitive - could there be a day attendance option? Pilchuck would not allow this last year, as they want everyone to have the "Pilchuck experience," but it was requested that we ask again and look into having an option if we have enough full weekend attendees to make the pricing work.

- Because it was hard for everyone to get close enough to see the demos, it was suggested that two take place at a time and are done twice so that half the attendees watch each demo and then switch. Torch time after each demo while demonstrator could walk around and give feedback or two open torch times - one right after lunch and one in evening were also suggested.

Challenge voting - off-mandrel items. Congratulations to Carolyn Hipskind whose off-mandrel pumpkins won the prize, suede sand bag arm rests.

Holiday Party – The party will be at Larry Scott's house this year for the last time. The date will be Sun. Dec. 9th. And will include demos, food, bead exchange and door prizes. Cheryl suggested we roast Larry.

Next challenge - Make murrini and use it on a bead and bring both murrini nubs to prove you made the murrini. Any kind of glass. PJ will donate 104 murrini for the prize.

Bead Exchange.