

**Minutes of the Northern Virginia Bead Society**  
**General Meeting - January 9, 2020**  
**Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, Vienna, VA 22180**

Social time began at 7, after which the business meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by the new president, Sherry Ellis.

Agenda:

Changes to Officer Responsibilities

There are some changes in which officer is handling which responsibilities. Officers are permitted to delegate responsibilities and duties. Diane, as vice president, will now be responsible for accounting and bookkeeping. Susan, as treasurer, had delegated those responsibilities to Marilu but instead they will now be delegated to Diane.

Mardi is no longer doing the website and has handed over website management to Sherry. The website is under construction and updates are ongoing. If there are any additions or comments, please send them to Sherry.

We still need an Outreach chair. Marilu will help with the auction but will no longer be Outreach Chair. We still need volunteers in many capacities.

Budget

The proposed 2020 budget was distributed to the present members. The budget was based on figures from the 2019 budget with some changes. The webmaster and bookkeeping fees have been removed. Another item mentioned was that the Market Place for items will no longer be on Etsy as the Etsy store was not profitable. The Grants and Awards category includes Beads of Courage and Guest House, the funds for which come from our annual auction.

NVBS currently runs at a loss. We had a deficit of \$22,000 in 2019. We need to figure out how to generate new revenue or we may run out of funds in 3 years. It would help to run classes at capacity. A suggestion was made to raise class fees, but that is something we are not prepared to do.

Paulette made a motion to approve the budget, Amy seconded the motion and the budget was passed unanimously.

## Miscellaneous

We are returning to a past procedure regarding snacks at the meetings. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers. Ideally, there will be two volunteers at each meeting so no one is overly burdened.

## Programs

The coming events were summarized by Paulette, including:

- Barbara will continue to host Bead Therapy at her home. Bead Therapy is not an NVBS class but a time to bead together. The next Bead Therapy will be Sunday, January 12 from 1 until 5.
- There were discount coupons for the upcoming Baltimore Bead Society's bead show on January 18 and 19. Diane, Paulette and Amy will all be vendors at the show. Avie has arranged for demos at the show at 10:15 and 10:45 both days.
- Amy and Paulette will be hosting their annual Bead Blast event on Saturday, January 25 from 11 until 4. This is another opportunity to bead together. Paulette and Amy will have a trunk show with kits and supplies available for purchase. Attendees can work on a current project, get help from Amy and Paulette if needed, as well as making jewelry for some of our Outreach programs. There will also be food. There is no plan to reschedule the event if weather is hazardous.
- The project for the February 6 meeting will be a diagonal peyote project taught by Kristen. Paulette offered help with peyote stitch at either Accents Beads Boot Camp or at the Bead Blast. Kristen will not be teaching peyote stitch, so it is strongly recommended that participants have a good knowledge of peyote stitch. An information sheet and sample for Kristen's workshop were available.
- There will be a Girl Scout Bead Blast on Monday, February 17, Presidents' Day. This is a volunteer opportunity for NVBS members who are interested. Information is on the NVBS.org website. As a 501(c) 3 organization, NVBS must do outreach and donations.
- Amy will present a workshop with a new necklace project – Courage to Soar – which will be held at the Vienna Arts Center on Saturday, February 22. She has also offered the possibility of some of her other projects. If interested in a project other than Courage to Soar, please let her know. Registration forms and a sample for Courage to Soar were available.

- In April 2020, Nancy Cain will have workshops on the 3, 4, and 5<sup>th</sup>. Pictures are on the NVBS website, with descriptions and class order (which class on which date) to follow.
- In May, Cliff Swain Salomon will have workshops on the 8, 9, and 10<sup>th</sup>. Pictures are on the NVBS website, with descriptions and class order (which class on which date) to follow.
- Heather Kingsley Heath workshops, scheduled for June, have been cancelled as the artist is not coming to Bead and Button and therefore, will not be in the US. As a result, we will have our Auction at the June 11 meeting.
- Although Sherry Serafini will be doing 4 projects at Bead Soup, there will not be a conflict with our August class since Sherry will be doing a two-day class (similar to a Master Class) on bead embroidery for NVBS on August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. It will also be possible to get help from her with some of her kits or past projects for those members who do not wish to do the “master class”. There will not be a business meeting associated with Sherry’s visit, just the two days of class.
- Kate McKinnon will have a presentation at the Sept 10 meeting, but there will be no workshops.
- The November 5 meeting will be dedicated to making jewelry for outreach.
- Discussion of possible programs for future bead meetings included mention that while many of our guest artists specialize in seed bead projects, we also had Mary Karg with colored pencils on metal projects and Kaska Firor with wirework projects. If there are suggestions for possible programs at our meetings, please share them with any of the officers. Programs do not have to be classes or workshops – anyone or everyone is welcome to make suggestions and offer ideas. In the past, there have been informational lectures as well as workshops.

The business part of the meeting ended at 8:00, and the program began.

### Program

The planned program is a bead-embroidered Name Tag Challenge. Diane and Paulette provided supplies and instructions. Paulette also had supplies available for purchase. Tonight was an introduction to bead embroidery. It is hoped that nametags will be worked on over the next two months, and that completion will occur at the March meeting. The Name Tag Challenge is also meant as preparation for Sherry Serafini’s bead embroidery workshops for her August visit.