

Minutes of the Northern Virginia Bead Society General [Zoom] Meeting – October 1, 2020

The business meeting was called to order at 7:28 pm by president Sherry Ellis.

An email was sent to the membership that our next meeting would be held as a virtual meeting via Zoom. Approximately 29 members participated.

Business Meeting

The first order of business was nominations of Vice President and Treasurer.

- Paulette Baron nominated Susan Etkind for the position of Vice President. Kristen Ho seconded the nomination.
- Paulette Baron nominated Diane Dennis for the position of Treasurer. Kristen Ho seconded the nomination.
- Both nominees accepted. The election will be held at the November meeting, which will be held on November 5. That meeting and all foreseeable meetings will be held via Zoom.

Bead Challenge kits are still available.

The program for the November meeting was discussed, including the possibility of doing Outreach with members using their stash. Another possibility was the possibility of picking a project such as easy bead embroidery, using image transfer with a Thanksgiving theme.

Diane Dennis has some finished jewelry that is ready for donation.

Fundraising for outreach was discussed in the form of an auction next year. It will most likely be an online auction in May.

- The auction will be publicized through the NVBS Facebook page as well as pages of some relevant Facebook groups. Paulette Baron will be looking into this.
- We are also looking for kits from visiting artists or kits that members are willing to donate. Any donations would be desirable and accepted.
- At some point, we will need to consolidate all donations and arrange to photograph the donations to publicize the auction.

At a previous general meeting, a poll was conducted to gauge interest in other artists teaching for NVBS. All requests were considered and appreciated. Thanks were offered to all those who offered suggestions. The NVBS website Calendar page has our currently scheduled visiting artists through 2021.

Members were reminded to renew their memberships, and will be reminded again at our November meeting.

There was a discussion about visiting artists. Not all of our classes are filling up. Many teachers are doing Zoom classes through various organizations and/or independently. The online format may be leading to some saturation of the market.

- We pay the teachers for their presentations at the meetings and for their teaching time. However, we are not spending as much for these programs as we do when we need to pay them for transportation, accommodations, meals, and so on. That is a positive, but many of us miss trying on the projects and shopping at in person trunk shows. As with much of life at present, everything is subject to change – change is the only constant.

The business meeting was concluded at 7:48, and the evening was then turned over to our guest artist, Cynthia Rutledge.