

Minutes of the Northern Virginia Bead Society General [Zoom] Meeting – February 3, 2022

The general meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by president Sherry Ellis. The business meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Approximately 24 members participated.

Business Meeting

A member asked if we are allowed to announce individual members' classes on Facebook. There was no objection.

Membership renewal was mentioned again. This is the last email for members who have not renewed. The membership directory will be available soon.

A link has been provided in email about the 2021 Tucson Bead Symposium. The email link to the 2022 Bead symposium is info@beadsymposium.com

The Bead Museum in Maine is planning a new project – peyote stars, similar to the 2021 Squares project. There will be an auction and exhibit of the stars. If a designer's pattern is used for submission, the designer should be contacted for permission prior to submission.

Cath Thomas has a free star pattern.

Melissa Grakowsky Shippee has sent our supply lists for the Suspension necklace. There is no supply list for her mask class, as participants will be expected to use their own stash.

Kristen has taken requests for the Sunshine project kits by the end of January so she can send orders to Bead Soup who will fill the kit orders.

Shona Bevan's Bolly class is sold out. As of Saturday, the price for her workshops is \$95. There are slots available for her Artemis workshop which is now open to the public.

Members were sent the financial information by email. Diane provided further information for the financial data. The budget for 2022 is uncertain. We made some money in 2021. Instructor fees are still to be paid, but we had no expenses for instructors such as transportation, food and accommodations since workshops were done by Zoom. We made \$1600 at the 2021 Auction, which is similar to the amount made in 2020 with considerably less work. There was \$14,000 program revenue; membership brought in \$3000.

Donations – Friends of Guest House, Beads of Courage, Museum of Beadwork, NAMI – approximately \$1100 in awards.

Paulette made a motion to accept the budget, Ginevra seconded the motion. The budget was passed unanimously.

Tax return was filed; 1099 forms were filed.

Our nonprofit license was renewed until May.

Training for a new Treasurer is strongly recommended. The next election will also include the slot for Vice President, if NVBS is to continue. Sherry is in her third year as President; there is a maximum of two two-year terms.

If NVBS is to continue in existence, new bylaws must be written. If NVBS shuts down, there is no need for new bylaws.

Volunteers need to step up if NVBS is to continue, especially for the Board. Members have offered to volunteer but not for the Officer positions. Although meetings are virtual at present, it is expected that there will be in-person meetings in the future, but only if we have members in the in-person officer positions. If we have in person meetings, there must be someone to run the meetings in person. President and Treasurer have check signing ability, which would be difficult with non-local officers. NVBS, like many organizations, has seen volunteerism decline, with no younger up and coming participants. In person responsibilities include providing snacks, ensuring that the room is set up, outreach beading, access to the storage unit. These things have been on hold and will remain on hold

as long as we only have virtual meetings. Several people commented negatively on their experiences with hybrid meetings with other organizations.

Upcoming events

KathLor Designs will be teaching for us in September.

Shona Bevan, Cath Thomas and Kim Stathis will do Zoom workshops for us in the coming months.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.