



The Village Painters
An affiliated Chapter of the International Society of Decorative Painters

BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Diane Stiller, at 6:30 p.m. and was held at the Livonia Senior Center. In attendance were the following members: Diane Stiller, Linda Christopher, Ruth Vernacchia, Kathy Fischer, Paula Atkinson, Michele Handley, Diana Winn, Maryann Muir, Joyce Kuzera, Sheri Redd, Loretta Huebler, Sandy Freese, Karen Capshaw, Connie Vasilnek, Rondi Bur, Gail Barton, Linda Morgan, and Cathy Uhring. Absent: Char Wenzel, Debra Houts, Susan Rhodes, Pat Butler, Karen Copeland, Char DeBaske, and Carol Snearly.

President – Diane Stiller distributed the following:

- The latest iteration of the Village Painters brochure, asked for comments/concerns before printing.
- The VP Board Members contact sheet for 2012.
- The SDP 2011 Chapter Achievement Award form; reviewed the content. VP met 8 mandatory requirements. It is due February 8, 2012.
- Bylaws, Guidelines, and Standing Rules to the new board members.

Housekeeping

- The March Board Meeting will be held the **second** Thursday of the month (March 8) this year.
- There is no business meeting in April, just a brief update then a painting project.
- There will be no Board Meeting in July.
- Diane Stiller submitted the annual SDP Chapter Form 2010 in December.
- Diane received a 40th Anniversary email from SDP. Discussion of “Do we want to paint gift tags for the Annual SDP Conference banquet with the Flights of Fancy motif?” SDP wants them by May 1, 2012.

Loretta Huebler made a motion to buy 100 wooden gift tags and paint 40 of them for the SDP. The remainder would be used for Village Painter projects.

Paula Atkinson seconded the motion.

Motion passed. These will be passed out at the February meeting to those who wish to paint them, and returned to Diane Stiller once painted.

- Diane brought up an example of a Western Michigan chapter that is deciding whether or not to remain an affiliate of SDP and wondered if Village Painters should have that discussion. It was determined that no board member wanted to consider this option.

Vice President – Linda Christopher

- So far there are 10 people who will basecoat the memory boxes for the February paint project. There will also be a dessert raffle at the February meeting.
- The April meeting will feature a treasure box paint project. All the boxes will be pre-stamped. The members will only have to paint in the stampings and can learn embossing and feature it on the boxes.
- The June meeting is still in the planning stages.

Secretary – Ruth Vernacchia: The minutes from the November, 2011 Board Meeting were approved and filed. Connie Vasilnek made the motion to accept, Sandy Freese seconded.

Treasurer – Kathy Fischer:

- Distributed the year-end financial report and the proposed 2012 budget and led the discussion about them.
- Kathy asked for \$41 to buy a new version of Quicken software.

- Sheri Redd asked for \$372.68 to buy a designated computer tower for the Village Painter website.
- Kathy brought up the question of whether the Village Painters wanted to buy an audio visual system. We are currently using Diane Stiller's. As Diane is willing to continue this arrangement, it was agreed to table this discussion for now.

Kathy Fischer made a motion that we accept the 2012 budget with increases in the following areas:

- Website \$380
- Treasurer \$ 40
- Community Service \$20

Loretta Huebler seconded the motion

Motion passed.

Education – Paula Atkinson:

- Passed out registration forms for the upcoming Rewards Seminar. Paula needs to know by the February meeting if you want to order a surface.
- The 1st meeting was held for the Fall Retreat with a hobo theme.
- There was discussion about Zen Tangle art method and should we investigate? Yes. Kathy Fischer will get names and book titles to Paula Atkinson.
- 2012 Education Calendar
 - Jan. 21: Centerpiece placemat
 - Feb. 25: Centerpiece placemat
 - Mar. 3: Reward Seminar with Debra Houts (20 pence)
 - Apr. 21: Ann Fogg (Woodpecker)
 - May 19-20 Janice Miller (Owl one day, 4 seasons on a messenger bag the next day)
 - Sept. 8: Centerpiece placemat
 - Sept. 21-23: Fall Retreat
 - Oct. 13: Paint With Us
 - Oct. 27-28: Lynne Andrews
 - Nov. 10: Centerpiece placemat

Linda Christopher made a motion to accept the owl and 4-season messenger bag projects for the Janice Miller seminar on May 19-20.

Diana Winn seconded.

Motion passed. Registration forms will be available at the February meeting.

Historian – Michelle Handley: No Report.

Hospitality – Diana Winn & Maryann Muir: No Report.

Library – Sheri Redd & Joyce Kuzera:

- Doing inventory and coordinating the effort to convert VHS tapes to DVD.

Membership – Loretta Huebler:

- 64 Members have renewed so far this year.
- Will be verifying member information for the 2012 Directory at the February meeting.

Newsletter – Sandy Freese: Gave the deadline for newsletter submissions. Also, if you want information in the newsletter, start the email to Sandy with the words, “**Put this in the newsletter**”, or make that the subject line for your email to her. Sandy will reply to every email she gets. If she does not reply to you, it means she may not have gotten your email. Either resend it or call Sandy. Please email ALL submissions, do not hand carry to Sandy.

- Had a discussion about email vs. U.S. mail for the newsletter. May plan to email all newsletters by 2013.
- Sandy may include a Classifieds section.

2013 Spring Fling – Karen Capshaw & Sandy Thirjung:

- The date is April 13, 2013
- Discussion concerning having a Village Painter-sponsored table

Ways and Means – Connie Vasilnek and Rondi Bur:

- Will talk to Kathy Fischer about the buying procedures.

Audit – Char Wenzel: – No Report.

Christmas Party – Debra Houts and Susan Rhodes: – No Report.

Community Service -- Pat Butler: – No Report.

DAC Liaison – No Report.

Memory Boxes – Karen Copeland: – No Report.

- Linda and Karen Copeland are organizing Memory/Treasure Box painting activities after the February and April General Meetings

Nominations – Linda Morgan: -- No report.

August Picnic – Cathy Uhring:

- Coming up with activities

Secret Pal – Char DeBaske: Not Present – No Report

Sunshine –.Carol Sneary: Not Present – No Report

- If members have any extra greeting cards lying around, they are encouraged to donate them to the Sunshine committee. See Carol Sneary.

Treasure Boxes – Linda Christopher: -- No Report

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Website – Sheri Redd

- Sheri bought a new computer tower designated for the Website. She has to completely rebuild the website from scratch after her hard drive died.

President Emeritus – Karen Capshaw: No Report.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

Kathy Uhring made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Loretta Huebler seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Vernacchia, Secretary, January 9, 2012