

GVR Arts and Crafts Association

January 3, 2024

A scheduled general meeting of the GVR Arts and Crafts Association was held at 1:00 at the Desert Hills Social Center.

President, Janis Slaughter wished everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR, and called the meeting to order.

REPORTS

MINUTES: Janis presented the minutes of the November 1, 2023 annual meeting and general meeting. After a motion and proper second the minutes were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL: Lyn Brown gave the treasurer's report. The last bank statement balance was \$8,622.45. Additional deposits since that statement increase the balance in the account to \$10,137.35.

Susanne Phillips moved to table acceptance of the financial report until some figures had been verified (because she did not feel the figures were correct). The motion failed for lack of a second.

After a motion by Diane West and proper second the financial report was approved as presented.

Janis reported that our association has been given exhibition space in the West Center lobby, from February 2 through the end of February, for advertising purposes. She requested that each vendor provide one item, (or an 8X10 photo of their item if it is something that cannot be hung), to be hung in the lobby, with a name card of the vendor. She would like those items be turned in to Geri Berry or herself at the January Board Meeting on January 22.

2024 FESTIVAL UPDATE: Susanne Phillips reported that the upcoming festival on February 16 and 17 will be larger than last year. There are fewer vendors signed up but more vendors requested 2 tables. Of the four new canopy spots outside, three have been filled. A total of \$2,105.00 has been deposited to the account. She highlighted many improvements had been made to the layout of the table locations, raffle display and presentation, etc. Advertising and promotion has been planned. The organization joined the Chamber of Commerce – each of their members will have advertising in their place of business. She reiterated the fact that the festival needs VOLUNTEERS if it is going to happen and be successful, and everyone must sign up. Janis is to send out a list of volunteer positions needed to be filled and a description of that position with the meeting minutes. After the member meeting, the board decided to have a special member meeting on January 22, 2024 to discuss the festival and the need for volunteers in the various areas.

Susanne Phillips resigned as Festival Chairman for personal reasons.

Many questions were asked and suggestions given to address the problems. One problem was the disagreement over what the current account balance should be. To remedy that

situation, Johnna Bryant moved and Sharon Toal seconded that an external audit be conducted. Motion passed.

A volunteer is needed to put out banners and signs prior to the festival. Yvonne Steinbring volunteered to do that.

It was stated by a new member that this contentious discussion was hurtful and embarrassing to new members and guests and there were better ways to work through the conflicts. (Side note: two members walked out during this time.) It was suggested that a mediator be found to help with this problem.

Yvonne Steinbring moved and Sharon Toal seconded that continuing the discussion of these topics of contention be tabled until the rest of the items on the agenda had been addressed, refreshments had been served and the project for the day completed. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP: Jean Nothern reported that there were 20 members and 1 visitor in attendance.

PROJECT LINUS: No report – The Project Linus Project will be in March and there are fleece blankets to tie at each general meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

January birthdays: Janis asked if there were any January birthdays. There were three: Diane West, Lyn Brown and Jaan Troutwine.

“Sunshine”: Janis asked if there were any members who needed some “sunshine”.
Cathy Tewksbury had back surgery on December 18, 2023.

Next Board Meeting: January 22, 2024 at 1:30 pm Room A, Desert Hills. All members are welcome to attend.

Next General Meeting: is February 7, 2024.

Door Prize Drawing: One drawing was held for a door prize donated by Kim Loyd.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Following the meeting refreshments were served and advertising cards and drawing tickets for the festival were worked on.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnna Bryant
For Mary Ellen Sargent, Secretary