

Puget Sound Tugboat Tolars
February 6, 2016
General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am at The Christian Life Center, Port Orchard, WA on February 6, 2016. President Vicki Palmer presiding.

Members in attendance were MaryBeth K., Nancy Wa., Patti P., Judy C., Karen P., Cyndy M., Helen W., Robin R., Sheri M. and Cherlene G. New member Penni H., guest Diane C. and guest teacher LuAnn Ward were also present.

Vice President Karen P. gave her report on the club's calendar of events. She is still looking for a teacher to teach in October and others to demo in the months of June, August and October. Nancy Wa. volunteered to teach for the month of October. Robin R. will be teaching for the month of June. She will bring 2 projects for members to choose from at the April 2nd meeting. Monica B. will be teaching at the April meeting; signup sheet and pattern were supplied.

Membership Chair Cyndy M. stated that there are 20 paid members including our newest member Penni H. Cyndy distributed the 2016 club directory to members who were present.

Treasurer Helen W. has had the treasury records handed over to her. She gave the balances of both the checking and savings accounts. The annual audit has been done. Vicki P. read the proposed budget for 2016.

Nancy Wa. motioned to pass the 2016 budget as read.

Helen W. seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Vicki will get copies of the budget out to all members.

Member-at-Large Cherlene G. reported that she has received a few messages expressing concerns about the past board members being overly helpful to the new board members. It was asked of the past board members to hold comments unless help has been asked for.

Education Chair Monica B. was absent. There were copies of the upcoming April seminar with Georgia Magarrell at the meeting as well as in the newsletter for the membership to view.

Newsletter Chair Judy C. asked to clarify if double member households need two newsletters emailed. It was confirmed to continue mailing to each paid member. There is one newsletter being sent out snail mail.

Ways & Means Patti P. is taking brush orders until February 29th. The brushes will be back in time for the April 2nd meeting. Patti asked members not to take the brush catalogs home since she does not have very many.

Patti also had a sales table at this meeting for all members to check out.

Service Project needs a chairperson. October is usually the service project month.

Christmas Party also needs a chairperson. Karen P. handed out a survey so the members can express their opinions on how the Christmas party has been going and if they would like to see any changes. Karen would like the survey handed back in by the April 2nd meeting.

This year's theme is Santas.

New member Penni H. volunteered to serve as chairperson with MaryBeth K. as her co-chair.

Cyndy M. and Helen W. co-chair the raffle and reminded everyone that tickets are \$.50 each or 5 for \$2. Members are given 1 free ticket if they are wearing their nametags.

Website chair Nancy We. was absent. Vicki P. reported that a new web host has been found and will be discussed in New Business.

Historian – No Chair. Vicki P. stated that Gary R. has volunteered to convert all the club's photos to disc.

Cherlene G. made the motion to have this done and have Gary reimbursed for any expenses incurred.

Nancy Wa. seconded

Motion passed.

All Historical photos will be located and given to Gary.

New Business

Vicki read the proposed changes to the Standing Rules that the Executive Board discussed during their January 30th meeting. Rule #7 to be changed to reflect the changes in our meeting schedule; to eliminate Rule 9 -because we no longer have districts, (Cherlene stated that the change to Standing Rule 9 had already been done in a past decision by the club so this is redundant). Rule 11 -teacher fees needs to change to reflect our longer painting day, going from \$5 to \$15 with a scholarship available for those this creates a hardship for. The Standing Rules numbering needs to be gone over to make sure it is correct after the elimination of Rule #9.

Karen P. moved to have Standing Rules 7 and 11 changed as stated.

MaryBeth K. seconded.

Motion Passed.

Cyndy M. will type up and disseminate the new rules.

A discussion was opened on how to promote the club to increase membership. An option of offering beginner "make it and Take it" classes on a Saturday morning was discussed. Also discussed the topic of how best to advertise these classes, i.e., flyers at craft stores and bazaar booths. Patti P. had a copy of a previous flyer that the club used. This idea will be discussed further at later meetings.

The discussion about the website was opened. The club currently has paid GoDaddy \$120 for two years of hosting the club site. Nancy We. feels that the photos are grainy and colors muted giving the club website a dead look. A different hosting site, Wix, has been found which charges \$10 a month if paid by the year, or \$14 a month if paid monthly. Nancy felt that this site is more user friendly, with vibrant colors that would reflect our art club better. Cherlene G. stated that the fuzziness of our current website could be caused by how the pictures and information were uploaded.

It was decided that Nancy needs to come to a meeting and present a report on the issues she has found.

Vicki P. brought copies of the SDP Service Award nomination forms if anyone would like to nominate one of our members. The forms are due back to SDP by March 1, 2016.

The next Executive Board meeting will be March 12, 2016 at 2:00 pm at The Christian Life Center. All are welcome.

Cherlene G. motioned for adjournment.

Sheri M. seconded.

Adjourned 10:45

Respectfully submitted by
Acting Secretary Judy Childs