

## **January 11, 2023 IDGS Executive Board Meeting**

Minutes provided by Secretary, Karen Hibdon

New President Alan Sweeney called the first board meeting of 2023 to order at 9:31 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11. All board members were present.

Webmaster Chris Peters was first on the agenda, explaining the ins and outs of the IDGS calendar, shared the password for access to protected areas of the club's website and how page by page the site has been updated. All information has been moved to a Google drive. The website includes historical information about the club, a real time directory, and new updates of events and activities. Chris also handles the IDGS Facebook page and said the club has almost 1,000 followers. Fee for hosting the website is \$144 annually, with an additional annual \$19.95 for the domain registration.

Treasurer Corlis Kent passed out a comprehensive accounting of the club's bank register and will have a more complete itemized accounting of the budget by Saturday. The bylaws require an audit of the books every two years, so one will not be needed until 2024.

Corlis picked up Quality Art discount cards which will be passed out to paid members at the Jan. 14 general meeting. She will also figure out the number of stipends paid out to members last year for classes taken. The possibility of offering stipends for 2023 was briefly discussed but tabled at present.

Vice President Vicky McIntyre and Membership Chair Madlen Tarlton questioned why they were not told the club had purchased a trailer to house club supplies. They were aware the purchase had been approved by the board and the general membership but believe the board should have been told when it was bought and registered. Vicky stressed the need for fiduciary accountability and that the board needs to know exactly when money is coming in and going out of the IDGS account. In the future, notifications will be made, Alan said. The trailer was purchased for \$4,300.

There was also discussion of last August's retreat, with a few members questioning whether club money was used in any way since it was not an official IDGS event. It was explained that no club money was used and that the retreat was paid for in total by participants' fees which were kept low because the camp director volunteered much of his time to the effort. A possible 2023 retreat will be discussed at a future date.

The decision was made to hold two general membership meetings – one in April and one in November, with the latter tying in with annual elections.

A possible new location for the monthly meetings has been raised by several members. Alan said there has been some discussion with Franz Witte but that would only be a possibility during warm weather. Also, many other groups are also wanting to meet there. For now, the meetings will remain at the university site in Caldwell.

Franz Witte has requested more classes. Chris has a class planned for March 25 and Alan has one in April.

The Boise Flower and Garden Show is March 24-26 but no decision was made to participate.

The Idaho Artistry in Wood show is April 1-2 and IDGS is responsible for the raffle and for donating five auction items to the event. Vendors are invited to have a booth or participate in an event "sales booth" where they will donate 13 percent of their sales to cover the cost of participating in the booth. IDGS Director Steve Kiser is overseeing the judging for the gourd competition at the show. Volunteers will be needed to help set up and take down the gourd show, do intake for the competition and do demonstrations during the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m. with several items still to be discussed including upcoming fairs, bringing in guest teacher artists throughout the year, the summer picnic, the Sept. 22-23 fall festival, and the holiday/Christmas party.

The next board meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 8.