

## ***Glass Gathering Meeting Minutes***

January 8, 2022- generously hosted by Harmony Stained Glass, Pasadena, Texas

### **Show and Tell**

Members brought photos of work that they had done, along with some older work.

### **General Meeting**

**Board Elections** - Richard noted that our organization must have officers in order to have not-for-profit status. It was noted that the membership size and attendance has decreased significantly with the pandemic, with discussion about whether the organization would continue, and what to do with our account balance if the group were to dissolve. Thanks to Joann who contacted several members, a slate of officers who agreed to serve was presented to the membership: President - James Cannon, VP – Cheryl Widen (special thanks for agreeing to continue to serve), Secretary - Barbara Buzek, and Treasurer – Joann Crull (special thanks for agreeing to continue to serve). Joann Crull made a motion to accept the slate of officers, Chris Alexander seconded the motion, a vote was held and passed.

\*Follow-up note 1/9/22– James Cannon is unable to serve due to changed work requirements, and the old and new board are working on finding another president.

\*Follow-up note 1/12/22 – After much discussion between outgoing and incoming board members via email and phone calls, Cheryl Widen has agreed to serve as President, Barbara Buzek has agreed to serve as VP, and Chris Alexander has agreed to serve as Secretary. Joann Crull will continue to serve as Treasurer. Thanks to all who offered to serve in order to keep our Glass Gathering group going. A formal vote will be made at the February meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** - The current balance as of 1/8/22 is \$2509.03. There will be expenditures for thank you gifts for board members, Chris Alexander & Joyce Sullivan.

**Empty Bowls Houston** – Chris noted that there is an event scheduled for Empty Bowls in a few months, Barbara said she would look into it so that we can donate bowls to that event.

**December Meeting** 12/11/21 at 9 am– This meeting was the annual Christmas Party. The board member provided food. No business was conducted other than to discuss the need for board members for the coming year. No minutes were written for this meeting.

**Glass Gathering Art Show** – The art show was discussed. Members expressed interest in a live show this year, and possibly an online show also. Everyone agreed that an in-person show should be pushed back to the fall to allow more time to plan and advertise. Chris has again graciously offered to chair the show and noted emphatically that she needs assistance in promoting the show.

**Meeting Activity** – Joann presented 'thank you' gifts to Joyce, Chris, and Richard. Cheryl Widen graciously brought a Dale Chihuly DVD 'Fire & Light' which we watched during the meeting, followed by discussion about his artwork.

### **Upcoming Activities:**

#### **Ideas for upcoming meetings:**

Houston Arts Alliance - field trip to St. Martin's Episcopal Church to see the stained glass windows.

Dalle de Vere – possible visit to Revive church near Harmony to see the dalle de verre glass,

Michael Crowder as possible speaker on pate de verre

Francis Trahan - mount making or jewelry making class, may be willing to come back and teach. She is now a certified welder.

Archway Gallery visit – member run gallery, possibly have lunch in town <https://www.archwaygallery.com/>

MFAH behind the scenes visit to see Chihully glass as well as other artwork, Richard may be able to set this up as our official field trip.

Possible in-meeting hands-on activities – glass tattoo, night lights, glass brooch

*The world always seems brighter when you've just made something that wasn't there before. Neil Gaiman*