

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

September 11 2021- generously hosted by Harmony Stained Glass, Pasadena, Texas

This is our second meeting since we restarted after the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to the recent surge, masks were required for meeting attendees. One new visitor and one return visitor attended. The meeting started with a remembrance of 9/11/01.

### **Show and Tell**

Members brought fused glass works that they had recently done.



### **General Meeting**

Treasurer's Report: - The current balance as of 9/10/21 is \$2655.16. A payment was made to C. Alexander to reimburse her for the website fees (\$207.84).

Empty Bowls Houston - Barbara Buzek suggested that GG have a booth at the Gloria Dei Craft Show on 10/15-10/16. Bowls that have been made and donated by GG members would be sold at the craft show and proceeds will be given to the Houston Food Bank. The HFB has cancelled the Empty Bowls program this year due to Covid.

- Barbara has generously offered to organize and be present at the entire show.
- Belinda Baker offered to help Barbara.
- A motion was made to participate in the show at a cost of \$100 for the booth and all members voted yes.
- A motion was made to fund a banner that can be used for this show as well as other, and all members voted yes.
- A motion was made to purchase and set up a Square account so that credit card payments can be made. Square could also be used for other events or membership dues. The motion passed with all members voting Yes.
- A sign-up sheet to help with the show was passed around and all slots were filled in. Barbara volunteered to manage the show.
- Joanne offered to investigate getting a banner made, and Chris said she could make a banner on the large printer if the banner is not completed in time for the show.
- Kathy offered to make cards with care/precautions for using glass bowls that will be given with each bowl.
- Bowl prices will range from \$25 to ~\$75 based on size and value; value may be set by the artist if desired.
- Barbara has the authority to adjust prices as needed during the show. Joanne will make stickers for the bowls indicating the artist's name, the GG website, and a short statement about heat sensitivity of the glass.
- Joyce offered members/guests a 20% discount on all supplies purchased today and will fire and slump all bowls made today for the Empty Bowls project. GG appreciates her generosity.
- Approximately 4 members stayed to work on bowls for the project.
- Show information – Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 18220 Upper Bay Rd., Houston 77058, 281-333-4535 [www.gdlc.org](http://www.gdlc.org), show information - [Gloria Dei Lutheran Church \(gdlc.org\)](http://Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (gdlc.org)). Set up is 10/14 3-7 pm, show is 10/15 & 10/16 from 10-4, with breakdown starting at 4 pm on 10/16.

Needs for the show:

1. Tables – Barbara
2. Dolly – Barbara
3. Tablecloths – Barbara
4. Transport items to the show – Barbara and Belinda
5. Information cards on glass care – Kathy
6. Other things to be brought to the show – Square, GG brochure, HSG business cards or brochure, artists business cards if desired

Upcoming Activities:

The tentative schedule for the rest of 2021 is:

September – Empty Bowls Project Day – members may bring their own glass or purchase glass at HSG to make bowls for Empty Bowls Houston. Joyce has graciously offered to fire the glass. Bullseye or 96 glass may be used, but those working with 96 will have to work in the front portion of the shop to maintain segregation of glass types. There will be no Empty Bowls Houston event this year, but the bowls will be stored for future donation.

October – The meeting will be deferred due to the participation in the Gloria Dei show and Empty Bowls project and sale.

November – Christmas Ornament Making for attendees – attendees may make fused Christmas ornaments; Joyce has again graciously offered to fire them. Ornament kits will be available for purchase or members may use their own supplies.

The field trip to Archway Gallery originally scheduled for October has been deferred due to the Gloria Dei/Empty Bowls Houston project and will be rescheduled for a later date. Chris will try to arrange a 'Tea & Tour' for us. We will also plan to have breakfast/brunch/lunch in town if there is interest by the members. Archway Gallery is a juried artist run gallery in Houston that currently has several glass artists.

December – Christmas Party and Gift Exchange

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