

**Arrowsmith Pottery Guild
Membership Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2026**

Attendance: Lenora Hobbis, Marilyn Flegel, Erin Sellers, Nancy Smith, Michelle Ainsworth, Al Bubnys, Karen Donald, Rick Lardner, Iris Neumann, Sandra Porter, Kenna Hoskins, Chris Duckworth, Melissa White, Catherine Burnett, Lenna Ius, Brenda Miller, Patty Takacs, Terry Yoxall, Ginny Clark, Barb Strachan, Marian Lord.

Regrets: Laura Zazarra, Sue Wilkinson, John Shauer, Russell Clarke, Juanita Kehler, Lee Stead, Patty Redmond, June Parker, Sheila McConnell, Deb Betz.

President's Report: Patty Takacs

- A warm welcome was extended to our new members Lenora Hobbis, Erin Sellers, Nancy Smith, Kenna Hoskins and Lenna Ius.
- Patty has connected with QF to request space for our meetings beginning next October. With our expanding membership we need a larger space to accommodate us all. Patty will follow through with QF on this.
- Our contents and liability insurance has been renewed and cheque will be dropped off by Ginny.
- APG logo T-shirts are available in small, medium and large. New members get one free. Members who already have their one free t-shirt can buy a second at a cost of \$10 each.
- Patty T. is looking for a tech-savvy member to help with the website and to act as a backup. This person needs to have a good level of technical skills. This position can go on the job board.
- The new online system for registering for classes is working very well, however it would be better if upgraded to a paid level as the free version only allows 5 forms (classes) per year. With member workshops and public classes, we need more. It would cost \$294 annually. The board has approved this expenditure.

Treasurer's Report: Ginny Clark

- The November Sale was a huge success with \$27,000 in sales. Our December shop sales came to almost \$12,000.
- Our finances are in good shape! Please see the website member's minutes page for further details.
- Signing authorities for APG need to be on the board of directors, therefore a motion was made by Catherine Burnett to replace Patti Nixon. (no longer on the Board) with Terry Yoxall (a board member) as new signatory. Karen Donald seconded, passed.
- Ginny suggested we purchase 7 adjustable stools to replace the red chairs we currently have which are very old. Cost is \$1,050 plus tax. A motion was put forward by Catherine Burnett to go ahead with purchase, seconded by Michelle Ainsworth. Passed.

Studio Coordinator Report: Brenda Miller

- December firing revenue came to \$1,125.20
- Quite a bit of that money was spent on our no. 1 kiln repairs. Thanks to John, Barb and Patti N. for their good work completing these repairs.

- We have a new white glaze called Odyssey. It is glossy and a bit warmer than SE80 and White Satin.
- Glaze Room concerns: Reports have come in regarding the messy condition the glaze room has recently been left in. PLEASE CLEAN UP after you use the glaze room. If you use the bin lids to hold your pots after glazing them, wipe them off and replace the lids. Wash all tools you use. Wipe up any spilled glazes or spots from the floor and also from walls and the outside of the buckets.
- **No water is ever to be added to the glaze buckets or removed from them.**
- Brian Bagatto and his team will be cleaning the glaze room in the near future. Thank you Brian and team!
- The clean up for January has not been done yet as Sheila has been ill. It should be done sometime next week.
- The reclaim system is working very well. We have enough clay for a pugging session. A big thank you to the Reclaim Team.
- A big Thank You to our Firing Teams who have done a great job keeping up over the Christmas season.

Classes:

- Russell started his Intermediate Wheel member's only class on January 13 and will go to Feb. 17 6pm - 8.30pm.
- Karen's Beginner Wheel Class will run from January 29 - February 23 Mondays and Thursdays 7pm - 9.30pm.
- There is NO ACCESS to the studio during class times.
- A Hand building class offered by Juanita K. has been approved for March 3 - April 7, Tuesdays 9.30am - 12.30pm.

New Business:

Marian Lord reported a safety issue regarding the electric cords for the throwing wheels not being rolled up and tucked away properly. She had a fall due to this and was very lucky not to have hit her head on the edge of the table in the studio. Also the Electric cords crossing from the wheels to the back wall are a real safety hazard. Chris Duckworth offered to get rubber matting to cover these cords. Thank you Chris.

Meeting Adjourned 8.30pm