

Valley Arts and Crafts

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28th June 2012 at the Assembly Rooms Welshpool

Present

Hilda Fix, Penny Vingoe, Parveen Nazar, Marie Ashton, Richard Baddiley, Janet Baddiley, Angela Hawkins, Deb English, Bronwyn Strugnell, Sylvia Hurst

Apologies

Pam and Stuart Parnell, Marge Youden

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report

As Angela had been on holiday she did not have a report to present. There is £3,725.11 in the commission account and £857.43 in the working account. She will be taking the money from the shop shortly and will update the accounts for the next meeting

Shop

As it had been six months since the shop had been operating under the society membership, Richard suggested that there should be a meeting of the officers of the society to discuss how the shop was functioning and the financial situation. It was agreed that there would be a meeting in Llanfyllin possibly on 19th July and the results of this discussion would be reported back at the next meeting.

Deb said how much she enjoyed working in the shop and how people had been impressed with the variety and quality of the goods in the shop. Hilda also mentioned that the album with the members' pages had been very useful in showing customers something about the person who had made the goods they were purchasing and encouraged everyone who did not have a page in it to do so and reminded them that this page would also be able to go on the website.

Deb also mentioned that a soldier worm had been bought and had been sent to Afghanistan. She would make a few notes about this story and pass to Penny for it to go on to the website in the members forum. Penny also asked if anyone else had stories about any other goods in the shop to pass them to Penny for inclusion on the website.

Insurance

Angela reported that she had not received a premium notice from the insurers and would be chasing them up. The insurance expires on 26th July. She will email members with the new premium amount and said that in order to receive the insurance certificate, members must either send Angela a stamped addressed envelope so that the certificate can be mailed to them, it can be left at the shop or put with the members shop takings. It is up to the individual members to arrange how they wish to receive the insurance certificate.

Marquee

Angela was thanked as she and Ivor will take the marquee to Llanfyllin Show and take it home if Richard is not available to pick it up on the Saturday night. Hilda told the meeting that from now on expenses of £25.00 will be paid to anyone moving the marquee to and from shows.

Craft Events

Hilda reported that she had found the number for Llanyblodwell Village Hall and will contact them. If we have a show there it will be later in the year, from September onwards and it was agreed at the meeting that shows should not just be craft sales but have some form of demonstrations or workshops throughout the day and advertised as such in order to attract people.

The Llanfyllin show is on 11th August. Angela had contacted the organisers and booked the same place as last year for our marquee but had heard nothing since. There is no publicity out about the show as yet. There will be room for 10 tables in the marquee at a cost of £10.00 per table. Hilda is taking the bookings and these can be made by calling her or Cliff on 01691 648763 as soon as possible.

The Montgomery Street Fair and Llanfechain Church Fete are on 7th July.

Badges

As mentioned at the last meeting Penny brought along badges she has made for members to wear at shows in order to publicise ourselves and show we are members of Valley Arts and Crafts. She brought along two sizes and in both Welsh and English. They were very well received and will cost £3.50 each and can be worn as a brooch or put on a chain. It was agreed that the large size in English was the best. Everyone at the meeting ordered one which Penny will bring (along with a few more for members who were not at this meeting) to the next meeting.

Website.

Penny reported that all the minutes of meetings are on the website under the members page. A password "Llanfair" is required to access this area. It also acts as a forum where members can post stories or comments or anything else they think other members will be interested in.

All the shows that Penny has been made aware of are also on the website

Clay Day

Penny has another clay day on 4th August. Please call her to book your place

Film

The film that was made earlier on in the year about setting up co-operatives will be viewed at the next meeting and it is hoped that as many people as possible will attend.

Meetings.

Hilda thanked everyone who attended and reiterated that the more people who come to the meetings the more we can achieve. Please put the dates of the meetings in your dairies and support the Society by coming to the next meeting on Tuesday 31st July 2012 at the Welshpool Corn Exchange,