

**San Antonio Polymer Clay Guild Meeting
Minutes
November 25, 2006**

Reports:

1. Membership— 37 members, we can start paying 2007 membership fees now
2. Treasurer's report— \$971.50 in checking; \$780.90 in savings; total: \$1752.40
3. Website update—requested a volunteer photographer (Sharlin volunteered); also please send any polymer clay links, website links, and pictures you have for our website
4. Bottles of Hope—we collected 25 BOH in September/October
5. Programs—a local pc artist, Heather Powers is available to teach in January or after April if there's interest from the guild; classes cost \$50/one day (with a \$5 discount to guild members); this would be a separate workshop from the regular guild meetings; Elizabeth will send out an email

By-laws revision:

The revision passed with unanimous approval. Pancho will revise the by-laws, Article I, Section 2 to read:

The purposes of this organization are for charitable and educational purposes.

To stimulate an interest in polymer clay and to advance the art of polymer clay.

To hold educational programs, workshops in the design and techniques of polymer clay.

Guild pins:

Judi Weers presented a proposal for the guild to purchase pins based on our current logo. There was enough interest from members to purchase the pins. We took a vote and it was approved, unanimously to purchase 100 pins for the guild. Cost for members to buy a pin will be around \$7.

Bring and Brag:

Judi shared a texture tool used for PMC that puts a dotted texture in the clay. Both ends have the same texture but one side is larger than the other. She can order these at a discount and sell them to guild members for around \$7.

Group orders:

We will no longer be doing any group orders from Polymer Clay Express because we've had too many problems with them. Linda Kirk, who has been handling the group orders, will check into some other options. If you have an online clay store that you particularly like to work with, email her with the information (lkirk@satx.rr.com).

Bead Jar raffle:

We will hold the raffle in December. You can purchase tickets in advance and, as long as you have a ticket, you don't need to be present to win.

December Meeting:

We will be having a guild meeting/party in December. The meeting will be December 23. We're still checking with Sam's to see if we can get this location. Judi Weers will be teaching us how to make our own, small, portable light tents for taking professional photos of our work. More information to follow. We will be doing a gift exchange—bring a \$10 gift if you'd like to participate.

Januray Meeting:

Don't forget that we will be doing our ATC swap and making books from our swapped cards. Bring as many cards have you have and be ready to trade for some fantastic works of art from your fellow clayers.

Program:

Priscilla Wigham did an excellent program on Bottles of Hope—sharing with us the history, how our bottles are distributed and to whom and some of the details of work that she puts into to make it a successful program. She also showed us some basic techniques for making our own bottles with a lot of terrific tips on finishing, doing the lids, and decorating them.