

RMDGS  
Minutes  
January 19, 2016

President Lois Gould called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were 17 members and one guest, Heidi Becker, present.

Treasurer, Jo Ellen Winther, reported a checking account balance of \$13,118.03 with two deposits of dues and one expenditure for the "Meet Up" listing. Savings account balance was \$10,559.79. Jo Ellen also provided an income and expense statement for 2015. The membership list is being updated. Jo Ellen received a thank you note from the Historical Glass Museum in Southern California for our \$500 donation from the proceeds from the April show.

Vice-President, Sue Dawson, noted that volunteers for programs and hosting were needed. Since many have shared their collections in past meetings the idea was floated to have themed topics in which all members would participate. Suggestions for meeting topics include: vases, creamers and sugars, color, rare glass. Judy Knoshaug mentioned Noritake china; Lois noted that she is working with Frank Blosser from the EAPG club to do a presentation on Duncan & Miller's amber stain.

Tina Broderson explained that as the "Meet Up" site organizer she needed interesting sounding programs to post on the calendar.

Secretary, Martie Grubenhoff, presented the draft of the revised Constitution and By-Laws that she and Marj Becker had worked on. Members proposed additional revisions which will appear with the February newsletter. Members will vote on the changes at the February meeting.

Lois brought up the procedure for meeting cancelations due to bad weather. Members will be notified by email and Lois will publicize her cell phone number for members to check if they don't have email access.

A thank you was received from Children's Hospital for our recent donation from the club show proceeds.

It was announced that Jody Uthe's show would again occur in Loveland, CO, October 1 & 2, 2016. She was unable to secure an April date.

Thanks to Tom Cotter who saved the day when Roberta Hankins was hospitalized and was unable to make her presentation. Tom's topic was Victorian art glass with information Tom had researched for a Mt. States Collector article. The Civil War changed the glass making business and by the 1880's EAPG became a big market. Colors became popular with color names like amberina and bluerina. Amberina had a small amount of gold in the glass which when reheated created a rose color. Burmese, which had a satin finish, was another popular color. Phoenix and Mt. Washington made

cased glass. Rose bowls became popular and were made by many companies. Hand painting was often added to the pieces. Hobbs Brockunier made peach blow that went from red to purple and was yellow on the bottom. They made glass that was a copy of a Chinese pottery vase.

Tom shared a large variety of blown tumblers including a cactus pattern in chocolate glass by Indiana Glass company. Tiffany made pieces in a finish called favrile and was one of the most notable glass companies in the US. Patterns include thousand eye, dew drop, swirl.

During show and tell Jo Ellen showed her Coors Pottery black buffalo which has the Coors mark. It is a rare piece and not always marked. John Feltes showed a ARC footed bowl find; Judy Knoshaug shared a Haeger embossed vase and her new Noritake China book. Lois Gould presented a snuff jar in a honeycomb pattern, a Fostoria Holly goblet that she will give in a wine glass exchange in which she participates. She also showed several of the D & M quarterly publications. Harold Keller shared two Hall China pottery watering cans one from the '30's and one from 1996 in the Autumn Leaf pattern.

Lois mentioned the need for a new librarian. The books are stored at the church so it would require the volunteer to set them out and put them away during the meetings, keep track of the books once the inventory is updated, and purchase new books. Roberta Hankins, Martie Grubenhoff, and Sue Dawson have volunteered to update the inventory.

The door prizes were won by Larry Becker: a gas gift card and by Steve Bass: a pink American Sweetheart sandwich plate.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martie Grubenhoff, Secretary