

**November 7, 2017 GCAG Guild business meeting.**

**President, Michelle Hult opened the meeting with the following information.**

**New treasurer, Stephanie McLaughlin, is working on updating quickbooks and 2016/17 tax information. Presently the Guild has approximately \$21,000.**

**A Bylaw committee is being created to update the Guild's 1986 Bylaws.**

**A survey monkey was sent out to all Guild members to rank the 4 following areas by importance. Meeting Space/Workshop area; Gallery Space/shows; Gift Shop; Studio rentals. The results are instrumental in meeting and determining our mission statement and will help in our relocation process.**

**The Survey results in order of importance are as follows:**

- 1. Meeting space/workshop area**
- 2. Gallery space/shows**
- 3. Gift Shop and studio rentals was tied.**

**Membership is strong with 150 members. We are presently working on a membership incentive program. More information will follow.**

**Gift Shop management and maintenance. This requires two managers. A book keeper and some responsible for merchandise. Our volunteer gift shop bookkeeper is stepping down at the end of the year and we are looking for a replacement.**

**The Artist Rental Agreement is being revised to address areas of concern.**

**The Guild is preparing to participant in the Community Foundation Run again this April. We are looking for a runner to represent the Guild. The money raised will be used to start offering children's art classes.**

**Catawba River Art Festival being held at AOM is this Friday from 6-9 pm and Saturday from 10-4 pm.**

**Business meeting ended and guest speaker, Clyde Davis, talked about networking and ways to increase Guild membership. Awards were then presented to winners of the Miniature Show.**