Ottawa Guild of Potters

General Meeting in person at Hintonburg Community Centre

Record of Decision

DATE : SEPT 9, 2025

APPROVED MINUTES

Executive Member Attendance / Présence des membres

President	Liz Fournier	☒	Standards	Jocelyn Jenkins	☒
Vice-President	Stephanie Bailey	☒	**Membership**	Carol Holmes-Kerr	☐
Past President	Natalie Gosselin	☐	**Secretary**	Nicole Jones	☒
Communications	Nancy Riggs	☒	**Exhibition Chair**	Joanna Richardson	☒
Communications	Lisa Butler	☐	**Finance**	Christine Chesser	☒
Programming (Workshops and Presentations	Carmen Gervais	☒	**Sales**	Liz	☒

Item #	Agenda Items	Member accountable	Decision/ Discussion
1)	**Welcome, Introduction of new members**	Liz	• Meeting call to order 6:31pm • 5 new members for June, July, August. Welcome
2)	*Approval of todays agenda, last months minutes*		• _Amy Bell_motioned to accept agenda, _Barb Manish_2nd, vote. carried • No approval of June 2025 minutes as it was AGM and they will be approved at June 2026 AGM
3)	Financial	Christine	• No changes in finances over summer. Christine working with Michele for transition of treasurer duties.
4)	Exhibition	Joanna	• For October Exhibition: Wendy He was chosen for “Echoes of Blossoms”, will be online display starting October 1, 2025.
5)	Standards and Education	Jocelyn	• Jocelyn announced Rachelle Okeefe as potential new excutive member for Standards and Education. • Jocelyn reviewed for sale support and questions to reach out to her for support and advise. • Elizabeth has brought calelogs with her if anyone didn’t get their order yet, or reach out to her for future pick-up

6)	Communication	Nancy/ Lisa	• Nancy reviewed a busy summer of many hours spent by the communications team on the launch of new website. A new webmaster was hired, welcome to Bernadette LaPierre (also a OGP member). • Website content is edited, added visuals, organization and is very user friendly. • Members will get an invitation to the new website to upload your new profile pik & piks of your work. If you have any problems, please reach out to Nancy and Lisa. • Registrations, course sign-ups will now be easy and more fluid for payments. • There will be a place for you to put your socials and online presence.
7)	Membership	Carol	• 5 new members. 146 active members
8)	Sales	Liz	• No construction has commenced at Lansdowne. The OGP sale will be Dec 12-14, 2025 Saturday will stay open until 8pm for the night market opportunity. • Application notification will be sent out in October. • Questions were asked about adding more tables. We are restricted to the space we have as far as location. If we lose this and move, we could be subject to waiting lists of years for this venue change. Executive are trying to find solution to some concerns regarding space and number of participants.
9)	Programming	Carman	• Announcement about relationship between Brandy Danford (owner of Loam studio) and willingness to partner with OGP for events and workshops. She has 3 different spaces to accommodate different needs. Prices similar to City of Ottawa. • Carmen and her team have plans to have activities for every monthly meeting! These meetings and activities are open to everyone to participate. The calendar of events will be released soon. Loosely it looks like ideas of: Nov:water etching, Dec:pot luck&artist talk, Jan:CeramicsNetwork demo(watch&learn), Feb: virtual studio tour, Mar: Sarah Pike handbuilding workshop & Joan Bruneau throwing&altering workshop, Apr: Amaco product, &Nicole Tarpaper use. • Upcoming: Kiefer Floreal: Throwing big: 1 day workshop. 2 dates to choose from Oct 20 & 21,2025, Hosted at Loam Studio • Upcoming: Chandler Swain: Handbuidling: 2day work, Oct 18,19. Hosted at her private studio, Almonte. Registration will be announced soon. • Oct 14 General meeting activity will be staring Joanna Richardson and her program “pot talks”.
10)	**New Business :**	Natalie Stephanie	• Natalie: Hintonburg Community Centre has been secured for Tuesday meetings in person for: Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9, 2025. Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12, Jun9, 2026. We can try to have Jan &Feb on-line meetings on a different night to accommodate peoples’ schedules Stephanie: Her and Keitha are working to see if they can record sessions to facilitate making meeting accessible to more people.

11)	*Newsletter*	Liz	• To have submissions into Bernadette Lapierre at b.lapierre@bell.net
12)	*Adjourn :*		• _Carol Badenoch__motioned to adjourn meeting at 7: 35.pm, _Mariana Rodriguez_2nd, carried. • Attendance: 31: 8executive,23membership
13)	**Program**	Carmen	• Tonight, we heard from 4 members who did residencies in and out of country