The Village Painters General Meeting Minutes February 5, 2015

President Linda Christopher opened the meeting of the Village Painters on February 5, 2015 at 7:00pm. The meeting was held at the Livonia Senior Center. Forty-four members were in attendance and 1 guest.

Linda began the meeting with a recap of 2014. She was pleased to report that last year the Village Painters painted for charity 44 tote bags, close to 100 Memory boxes, 30 Treasure boxes, and made 86 cards for American soldiers. We established 2 Little Libraries that are up and running, with more in the works. We held 7 Seminars in which 290 people took part. We held 7 Learn to Paint seminars with 78 people in attendance.

Linda presented our plans for 2015. We will have 7 Seminars, 3 Learn to Paint events, And 1 Paint With Us. We will also hold our Bi-annual Spring Fling fund raiser.

Linda discussed 2 treasurer reports in Kathy Fischer's absence. These were the 2014 Year End Income and Expense sheet, and the Proposed Budget for 2015. The **Budget** was reviewed and discussed. The motion was made by Leslie Williams and Seconded by Nancy Silver to approve the budget. The vote was unanimous to accept the budget.

Linda reviewed the new **Memory Box** and **Treasure Box** plans to reward one ticket for each box turned in. The tickets will be entries in a drawing in October. The prize for each program will be a free membership for the year 2016.

Rondi Bur reported the Louise Brown will start an 18 week chemo program. She thanks everyone for their cards and prayers. Maryann Muir's letter was shared in which she also sends thank yous. She is on her road to recovery.

The February 22 **Learn to Paint** program needs to have registrations ASAP so Sheri Redd will know the number to prep.

Diane Stiller discussed three **Seminars** coming up soon. Surfaces for <u>Jamie Mills-Price</u> need to be ordered tonight. The order will be placed Friday morning. Diane showed different types of colored pencil holders that could be of use to those taking <u>Pat Hull's</u> pencil class which is a 3 projects-in-one day on 3 different surfaces. Diane also showed the <u>Paint With Us</u> project for October 17, a witch on a tray painted and to be taught by Sam Farrah.

Karen Capshaw and Paula Atkinson presented **Spring Fling** details. Karen stated we can do set up the Friday before from 10:00 to 5:00, or Saturday morning. Everything must be done by 10:00am on Saturday. Paula reported we have 18 baskets. She needs more items for the charity basket—(theme is BBQ Picnic.) Loretta Huebler stated she needs to know the hostess's choice of napkin color, the guest list names, and receive the money for the tickets. Linda Morgan has the tickets. Michelle Handley stated that any boutique items turned in by tonight are being tracked by her. From here on, if you turn in boutique items, you must record them on the form that can be found on the website.

Paula Atkinson reported on the **Christmas party**. It will be held at The Warren Valley Golf and Banquet Center. She needs volunteers to help.

Linda Christopher reported on the **August Picnic**. At this time, we are checking into the availability of the Plymouth Historical Museum and the Church where the Sherry Nelson Seminar was held. (Sheri Redd is checking out this one.)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm. Motion to close by Sheri Redd. Seconded by Diana Winn.

Following the meeting, Linda Morgan presented Kathy Shefke who gave us a hands-on demonstration of the newest chalk paint .

Respectfully submitted by Joan Mueller, Secretary