

October 3 2023 Quarterly meeting:

<b>Operations</b>	
Christmas Firing	Last date for glaze firing dropoff is 12/3 for guaranteed firing.
Working Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Two new working members.</li> <li>● Working members Monday-Friday</li> <li>● No working members on the weekend.</li> <li>● Still firing happen using delay programming. Please do not open the kilns and remove work on the weekends.</li> </ul>
Repairs/firings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● L&amp;L kiln relay placed</li> <li>● Kiln 1 will need element change soon; scheduled before it goes out of working status</li> <li>● Empire bowl firing is not delaying member firing</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer</b>	
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● \$43,814 in account</li> <li>● National Grid bill is down with scheduling and staggering of firing (510\$ last month)</li> <li>● Slab roller paid in full</li> </ul>
Payment Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Moving away from accepting cash</li> <li>● All members are moving to automatic payments (automatic bill pay or credit card.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Those who want to pay not using automatic payment can pay one time for the year (January to January)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Associate members pay yearly dues every January</li> <li>● Checks are allowed for firing fees</li> </ul>
<b>Membership</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 95 Members Total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 46 paying</li> <li>○ 8 working members</li> <li>○ 6 board members</li> <li>○ 3 emeritus members</li> <li>○ 36 associate members</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Waitlist closed in August</li> <li>● 72 people on waitlist with slow turnover best to close waitlist.</li> <li>● Possible social gathering in the winter- Committee will organize</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lots of upcoming opportunities: Soda firing, sculpture</li> </ul>

	<p>workshop (11/11) and intermediate class (check website for events)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maybe less Raku firing; same group is running and operating them.</li> <li>• Intermedi</li> </ul>
<b>President</b>	
Cameras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 cameras were installed: one front door and one backdoor. They are both inside the studio. There is one more camera to be installed in the parking lot for members safety.</li> <li>• Allows for assistance if the alarm is set off.</li> <li>• Also prevents thefts (has already assisted with this - and we parted ways with said member).</li> <li>• Cameras are not constantly running. They use sensor activation, They do not display full studio</li> </ul>
Change in internet/phone service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Switched from verizon to spectrum.</li> <li>• Studio cell phone for alarm contact and ring camera.</li> <li>• \$112 previously with verizon</li> <li>• Now \$78 for internet and phone + free cell phone for one year</li> <li>• \$199 cell phone expense</li> </ul>
Closing Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee members worked together to draft closing plan</li> <li>• It was included in email</li> </ul>
<b>Member comments</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request to make guidelines around camera use there will be a committee to create guidelines of use</li> <li>• Can phone call voicemails be forwarded to email?- will inquire</li> <li>• Discussion on whether a pay it forward model would work with funds going to an organization. More research necessary.</li> </ul>