

CCM General Membership
Meeting Minutes- June 14, 2026

Board Attendees:

Brett Beasley

Lauren Cantor

Kathy Graydon

Suzanne Beckman

Lisa Schmidt

Meeting started at 3PM with a demonstration by Lexi DeJesus on SGRAFFITO.

Following the demonstration, Brett convened the meeting

President Report - Brett

- Great Festival in May!!!
- Camp North End Festival Feedback
 - Why not use all the space in the Ford Building, more space for booths etc.?
 - *Can't utilize a bigger footprint as there is not sufficient lighting*
- Introduced Patrick Cooley - Social Media Volunteer who collects content for posting by our Social Media hire.
 - Please respond to his call for content in the newsletter
- Name Tags
 - You are responsible for keeping your own name tags
 - If lost etc. Phil Sciabarassi will make a new one
- Meeting requirements to be eligible to register for Festivals
 - 3 meeting – 2 MUST be meetings; 3rd can be a meeting, workshop or party
- Volunteer Opportunities – Board Positions (2-year term)
 - Programs
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary (suggested we use AI for taking minutes)
 - Communications
 - Vice President – needed immediately to replace Ella Stafford who has resigned
 - President - needed immediately for 2027, the role would be only a 1-year term

Interim Vice President and President would participate on Board until
General Election in the Fall

- Member questions, concerns, comments
 - How many Board meetings/General meetings each year?
 - *Board meetings (January,, March, June, August, September, and November)*
 - *General meetings (January, February, March , April, June, August, September, and November)*
 - Why is the General Membership not as involved in current decision making compared to the past?
 - *The Board has been entrusted to make decisions and solicits general membership input as needed*
 - When did the festival hours change from 10-4 to 10-5?
 - 2025 festival at Camp North End went to 5p because in 2024, there were still buyers and thus it was retained in 2026 - will discuss further with festival chair

Festival Report - Lauren on behalf of Kait

Recap

- Encourage festival feedback - survey results are anonymous
- Brett addressed why we can't have an expanded footprint at Camp in his report
- Brett addressed new meeting requirement in his report
- Brett will discuss with Kait exploring ending event at 4PM instead of 5PM
- Will look at doing more than one raffle during the festival
- May have to default to "Split Quota" selection if registrations exceed the 86 booth capacity at the October festival. Split quota explained:
 - Board/VIPs obtain instant registration, due to the amount of time and volunteering they do for the Guild and Festival.
 - Of remaining spots, first 50% of slots - first come first serve
 - Second 50% of spots are awarded on a point system based upon Guild involvement
- Since spaces are a set 10' x10', there are no 6' tables allowed and therefore no reduced rate for smaller 'booth'
- To maximize participation and accommodate potters who requested a 6' space - - encourage people to share booths.
 - It was suggested that people who share would get a "point" in the split quota model. Will discuss with Kait
 - We will try to set up a clearinghouse so we can put people together who are interested in sharing a booth.
- This is a same-day event so no pre-day set up.
- Tent and weights (it can be windy) are **required**

New for October 2026

- Booth fee will be \$185 as we have additional costs to cover:

- Movers to pick up and drop off festival material at CCC - volunteers have not been reliable so this will make set up easier
- Day of Coordinator – show has become so big that Festival Chairs cannot run their booth AND put out fires during the show
- Additional Porta Potties
- Parking attendants – parking was a disaster last year and customers complained.
- To avoid payments and then subsequent refunds based upon festival participation lottery, booth payment will be done via invoices after finalization of festival participation. Payment will not take place at time of registration. All payments must be conducted electronically. There will be no check payments going forward.
- Festival co-chair is another open position needing a volunteer. Please contact Kait Kelsey for job description, term etc.

Treasurer Report - Brett on behalf of Dan

- May Profit/loss
 - Income \$403
 - Expenses \$4515
 - Net Income (\$4112)
- May YTD Budget to Actual
 - Income \$22,082
 - Expenses \$16,800
 - Net Income \$5282
- May Cash - \$38,711
- CD - \$6517

Programs - Kathy / Suzanne

- Picnic August 1
 - registration will start July 1
 - Improper Pig caterer
 - Shuttle will take you from parking to “island”
 - Need volunteers
- Workshop by Denise Jordan July 19 at Carolina Clay Connection
 - Registrations still open - link within June newsletter
 - Pot Luck

Membership - Lisa

- 236 members (14 new members in 2nd quarter)

Meeting adjourned at 4:07PM

