

Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo Board Minutes October 15, 2014

Meeting called to order by President, Cathy McCarthy at 2:05 pm.

Executive Board Members present: Letty Klein, Nancy Krapf, Judith Jones, Terri Smith, Cathy McCarthy, Melissa Powers, and Marcia Freridge

President's Report: Cathy McCarthy received 6 emails, so far, from members saying how much they enjoyed the Monday general membership meeting, that it was fun, and it gave members a chance to learn and practice a skill (spinning) without paying for lessons. Cathy was very happy with the turnout - 44 people attended the meeting.

Vice President's Report: Letty Klein said that she had also received favorable emails about the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Marcia Freridge reported a correction ("the September 9" was changed to "the September 8") in the September 17 Board minutes. Motion to approve the minutes as amended by Letty Klein, second by Melissa Powers - motion approved. Motion to approve the October 13, General Membership minutes by Judith Jones, second by Letty Klein - motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Krapf presented the September monthly report. Motion to approve report by Marcia Freridge, second by Melissa Powers - motion approved. Terri Smith asked about the procedure for reimbursement for the cost of the drop spindles made for the Monday General Membership meeting. Nancy Krapf explained the process. Motion to give the leftover roving to the Service Bureau by Letty Klein, second by Melissa Powers - motion approved.

Committee Reports:

Publications: In a written report, Marta Williams stated The Shuttle deadline is Friday October 24. The Shuttle is getting so large that when emailed to some members, the emails are bounced back and classified as non-deliverable or spam. She is working on this problem.

Membership: The membership is now 110 members.

Education: Judith Jones commented that all the study groups, except the spinners, are working with shadow weave in some form this year. Judith

suggested that each group discuss options for expansion so more members can participate in a study group.

Mentor Program: Terri Smith said a member asked for help with finishing techniques. Nancy Krapf suggested the member call Kristi Chapman for library material on this topic. Judith Jones suggested a workshop on finishing techniques similar to the one being set up on “warping your loom”. Terri is working on setting a date in January for the “warping your loom” workshop and will keep us updated.

Program Committee Chairperson: Letty Klein reported that the cost of our November speaker, Rich Fitz, will be \$150 plus transportation. The \$1091.40 designated for Jeannine Graves will remain in the treasury due to the cancellation of her program on October 13. Letty paid \$95 for the roving used at the October 13 meeting and has been reimbursed.

Service Bureau Coordinator: Melissa Powers mentioned that some members were not happy there would be no children’s corner at the WAFA sale even though no children used it last year.

Workshop Coordinator: Judith asked Letty Klein to contact Rosalie Neilson and ask for the supply list, draft information, etc. needed to prepare for the March workshop. Nancy still needs the tax ID from Inge Dam.

Old Business:

The WAFA Board was in favor of holding a WAFA 2 sale at Michigan Fiber Festival in 2015 and discussion is ongoing.

MLH Fabric Swatches - the fabric is finished and Cathy showed it to the Board members. She will show it at the General Membership meeting in November. It is a painted warp.

Service Bureau - Loom is still missing. Also, three boxes of tri-fold pamphlets are missing.

The Woolery 5% Cash Back Rewards Program - In order for the guild to receive the 5% credit, a link to the Woolery must be on our Web Site or our Facebook page so members can order through it. Discussion of appropriateness will continue at the November Board meeting.

New Business:

1. Cathy received a request that cards be sent to Ellen Colston and Jeannine Graves. A question was raised about who’s responsibility this is. Cathy will check on the job descriptions that were developed several years ago and forward them to the Board members.

2. Letty Klein suggested that stickers be used to change the dates on the WAFA sale postcards so we can continue to use them for next year.

3. Nancy Krapf suggested guild members advertise the WAFA sale when members participate in the October or November Art Hop, and possibly, next year at the Bronson Art Fair.

4. A question arose about whether the Board authorized the purchase of a hot water urn. A reexamination of the July 29, 2014 minutes found that the authorization had been approved.

5. Letty Klein mentioned that when she checked with Cyndee Mishler after the General Membership Meeting on Monday, no one asked for coffee or tea.

Motion to adjourn: 3:55 pm

Respectfully submitted:

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Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc. Secretary