

# Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc. General Meeting Minutes May11, 2015

**Meeting called to order** by President, Cathy McCarthy at 7:02 pm.

**Approval of minutes:** Motion by Nancy Frost, second by Mimi Cummings to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2015 WGK general meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Budget for 2015-2016:** Motion by Gail Ross, second by Nancy Clark to approve the proposed budget by Treasurer Nancy Krapf for the 2015-16 fiscal year. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Announcements:**

Anne Mehring set up a table with yarns from spinner Ruth Veldt. Ruth, a member of the guild for many years has retired from fiber work and generously donated her large “stash” so that guild members could benefit. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to the guild.

Melissa Powers, Service Bureau Coordinator, brought the new Wolf Pup so members could see it. She displayed of the many weavings done by volunteers at the various events this past year and thanked everyone for helping. 485 volunteer hours were logged this year. Melissa also has sign-up sheets for summer events and is encouraging weavers to participate more since the Service Bureau now has the Wolf Pup which will be warped and ready to go to the various events.

## **Programs for 2015-16**

**September:** Steven Bye “Photoshop for Weavers” Monday night presentation and demo on Monday afternoon.

**October:** Heather Macali, Ass’t Prof. Wayne State, “Jacquard Weaving” a presentation

**November:** The Blodgetts, from Tillers International, “From Seed to Shirt - flax” a presentation.

**February:** Esther Rogers (jazz turtle) “Saori Weaving” workshop and “Weaving with Textured Yarns” a presentation.

**March:** Elizabeth Hill, “Deflected Double Weaves”, workshop and presentation.

**April:** open

Cathy McCarthy explained that each Study Groups will need to provide three different names of possible presenters/workshops for their assigned month. Cathy put together a handout that includes the needed documents and timeline. The names will be presented to the Board who will check for duplicates and then return the approved names to the Study Group. The Study Group will then be responsible for securing a speaker/workshop presenter for their assigned month. They will also be responsible for hosting

the presenter. Hopefully this new selection process will result in more member “buy-in” for all guild activities.

The slate of officers is as follows:

President - Karen VanderWeele

Vice-President - Letty Klein

Secretary - Marcia Freridge

Treasurer - Nancy Krapf

Cathy McCarthy asked for nominations for officers from the floor. No nominations were forthcoming. Motion by Mimi Cummings, second by Nancy Reile to approve the slate of officers as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Cathy McCarthy thanked everyone who brought pillows for the MLH. They were displayed on one of the tables. She encouraged anyone who can finish one and get it to her by May 30 to do so.

Cathy McCarthy called up everyone listed in the Yearbook as serving on Board, committees, Wafa, and the Wafa exemption committee, and presented them with a thank you carnation. Cathy expressed her appreciation for everyone’s help over the year, as volunteer work is essential in keeping the guild moving forward.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Marcia Freridge presented a gift card to Cathy McCarthy as an expression of their appreciation for all the good work she has done this year as President of the Guild.

As newly elected President, Karen VanderWeele, quoting Dr. Seuss reminded the members that “ Today you are You! That is truer than true! There is no one alive who is Youer than You!”

**Guild Study Group sharing:**

Cathy introduced Judith Jones, Education Chairperson, who explained the various displays from members and workshops. She also introduced the Study Group chairpersons. Each Study Group chairperson spoke about their group project for this year and explained their inspiration, what their members liked and disliked about the project and what they learned from doing it. Members

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Marcia Freridge*

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Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc. Secretary