

**Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc., Executive Board Meeting
February 4, 2014 Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM by president, Juanita Manning-Walsh. She asked for approval of the agenda, and two additions were added.

Members present: Juanita Manning Walsh, Letty Klein, Nan Krapf, Judith Jones, Marta Williams, Anne Mehring, Cathy McCarthy

Secretary Report: Minutes of the 11/26/13 executive board meeting under "Membership:" *Woods Edge School faculty may want to join our guild.* And on page 2 under, "other," The last word in #3 should read garment (i.e. mobius) Motion made to accept the 11/26/13 Board minutes, and the 12/9/13 membership minutes (M. Williams, A Mehring, 2nd) Minutes were approved with the corrections.

Treasurer Report:

- A check has been written for the MLH Biennial Fiber Show.
- Nan has sent out the 1099 forms to the two people who taught for us this past year. She was a bit concerned that she should be doing other things for reporting earnings to the State or IRS. Juanita agreed to ask her accountant if we have all the bases covered, and if not what else should Nan do to keep us current on our tax reporting
- Mary Sue Fenner will need to have a 1099 as she will be paid over \$600.00.
- Nan said she needs to know various committee group budgets asap, as she has to present a budget at the next Board meeting and the March Guild meeting.
- First Community Credit Union, now known as Advia Credit Union, reported a \$20.00 dividend on their last statement to us.
- Nan questioned the line item of Publicity. After some discussion it was determined a Publicity chairperson was needed for the guild. Anne Mehring agreed to take this responsibility on for the coming year.
- There was much discussion regarding Donations to Schools to support fiber art education programs. Since we have had difficulty finding schools to participate in our fiber art education help, it was suggested that possibly we should move toward community activities, such as Boys and Girls Club, the Girl Scouts, and other community organizations. This topic will be revisited again.
- Motion made to accept the minutes (N. Krapf, M Williams, 2nd) Motion passed

Committee Reports:

Workshops: Juanita reported there are ten people registered for Mary Sue Fenner's workshop. That means we pulled in \$500. Her expenses are \$200 for the guild talk on Monday, \$750 for the workshop, plus we will have travel expenses to reimburse. this workshop will not be paying for itself, unlike the Susan Wilson workshop from last year.

There was some discussion regarding our two year workshop incentive program of charging members only \$50 for a workshop fee. Although we are not breaking even on this workshop, we do have gten people signed up, and prior to the incentive being instituted, we had trouble getting 4 people to sign up. The question is, "Does providing

the monetary incentive, do our members tend to attend workshops more than if there was no incentive?" With Susan's workshop it really paid off, but with Mary Sue's it did not pay for itself. Since there is not enough data yet to provide the answer about the incentive helping fill our workshops it was decided we should offer this incentive one more year to see if it helps us to pull people in for our workshops. Motion was made to continue the guild helping to subsidize the workshops, charging members \$50 for a workshop. (C McCarthy, A Mehring, 2nd) After a bit more discussion an amendment to the motion was made to "continue this practice for one more year as we don't have sufficient data to evaluate the success of the program at this point." (M Williams, A Mehring) Amended motion passed.

Program Committee: Programs for next year are in good shape. All speakers and instructors are in place, and contracts have gone out to all involved.

Nominating Committee: Letty Klein and Anne Mehring are working on nominations for the coming year. Needed is president. The names of the candidates will be announced at the March Board meeting, published in the April Shuttle, with the general membership hearing about the slate of officers at the April meeting, and voting will take place at the May meeting. Everyone in the guild is encouraged to seek a guild office position!

Budget: This schedule will also be followed for the budget process for next year. Budget will be introduced at the April guild meeting, and voting on the budget will happen at the May guild meeting.

Membership: We currently have 122 members. Of these, 11 are new members to the guild.

MLH: Our guild needs a MLH Rep. Cathy McCarthy agreed to take on this position.

- Cathy reported the MLH Meeting was canceled last Saturday due to very bad driving conditions.
- The next MLH board meeting will be Saturday, April 12 at 1:00 PM at the Alma Public Library.
- A request has gone out to all guilds to please get your donations in for the Biennial Fiber Show.
- HGA's Convergence will be in Providence, RI Registration is now going on. contact <http://www.weavespindye.org> for more information
- Martha Town, Education Chairperson would like you to check out the MLH Educational Directory mlhguild.org and if there are any other instructors you are aware of that are not on the list, please contact her at mtown@frontiernet.net
- MLH Workshops will be hosted at Hope College, August 8-10. Registration is being handled by Hope College this year, so please check out mlhguild.org for more information. The Website for the workshops should be up by March 1, and on-line registration begins March 15
- The Fiber Connection will be published in mid-February, so be on the look out for it!
- Please send guild activities to Cindy Greenfelder if you would like it in the newsletter.

Other:

KIA Area Show - We have been contacted by the KIA to advertise the coming area show. We will agree to pass out posters and send an electronic message to our members encouraging participation in the show.

Shalom, a collective system of adult foster care group homes would like to come and talk to us about a weaving program they are getting off the ground. They would like some assistance from our guild members. They will talk to us for a short time, at the March Guild meeting.

Dinner count: Letty asked for a dinner count for the Monday pre-meeting dinner with Mary Sue Fenner. There should be about 6 people joining us.

The next WGK Board meeting will be held at the home of Anne Mehring. Anne will substitute for The secretary position for this meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:21 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy McCarthy

Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc., Secretary