

Weavers Guild Meeting March 12, 2020

Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order

In Jacqueline's absence, Vickie Raynes, 1st Vice President, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. and the Minutes from the January meeting were approved as written. (The February meeting was canceled due to weather.) 25 members were in attendance. We had two guests from the Farmers House—Corey and Sonya. Corey is being mentored by Janet Meddings and he brought his first-ever weaving to the meeting to share with the group.

Meeting Schedule Affected by Coronavirus

If we need to cancel any future Guild events or meetings, please check the Guild [Facebook page](#) for the latest information. We will likely also send an email with schedule changes.

Treasurer's Report ([Janet Meddings, Treasurer](#))

As of Feb. 24:

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| Gross Operating Fund: | \$18,249.75 |
| Scholarship Fund | <u>\$1,288.78</u> |
| Net Operating Funds: | \$16,960.97 |

Hostess/Greater Report ([Margaret Smith-Whisker](#))

Thank you to Margaret Smith-Whisker for arriving early to disinfect the tables and chairs. Thank you to our treat hostesses this month: Alice Carman and Sandi Grimm. We need volunteers to bring treats to future meetings; please correspond with Margaret if you can sign up for May and August.

Committee Reports

Programs ([Vickie Raynes, 1st Vice President](#))

- **March:** Review the online tool at handweaving.net.
- **April:** Tour fiber department at Kansas City Art Institute with Harper Newell.
- **May:** Gayle from Poplar Heights Farm in Bates County will talk about her facility and how they support weaving.
- **June:** Marcia Harvey was awarded a scholarship last year to attend a huck lace in color workshop. She will be sharing her learning.
- **July:** Marcia Harvey and Vickie Raynes will present on weaving software.
- **August:** Deb Hillen professor at Park University and Johnson Co. Community College will speak about new sources of fiber.
- **September:** Member challenge

Newsletter ([Kathryn Worley, 2nd Vice President](#))

Content for the newsletter is due to Kathryn by the 28th of each month. She reiterated that both Weavers Guild and Fiber Guild newsletters are shared across all members. Let her know if you are not receiving them.

Workshops ([Cindy Smith, 3rd Vice President](#))

Cindy Smith created an online survey to gauge interest in workshop topics and timing. Paper surveys are available to those who cannot complete one online. She reports that one main workshop will be scheduled later this year. And, she is planning a series of mini workshops that will likely be taught by experienced members. She will share a synopsis of survey results at our June meeting.

Cindy is coordinating a viewing of Sonya Clark's exhibit for Guild members and the date/time will be communicated via email in the near future.

Service Project ([Jackie Kincaid](#))

A few projects were provided to Jackie Kincaid for distribution to the Hospice House.

About the Service Project

We provide hand-work projects to the Hospice House as a community service and to fulfill our non-profit status. Partially started projects and all supplies needed to complete the project should be placed in a zip lock bag and turned in to Jackie. She then coordinates distribution to the Hospice House. Contact her if you have questions about what is needed.

Library ([Debbie Buddish, Librarian](#))

We have received several new magazines that are available for checkout.

Scholarships ([Gail White, Scholarship Chairperson](#))

No report.

Mentoring ([Rebekah Foote](#))

No report.

Felting Study Group

Barrie Mason reported that the next felting group meeting is Sat., March 28 from 10:30-12 p.m. at the Central Resource Library in Overland Park (87th & Farley). A follow-on meeting from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. will feature working with the laser cutter in the Maker's Space in the library. Questions about what is needed to utilize the laser cutter can be sent via email to [Julie Reed](#).

Sewing Group

Sandy Cahill reported that the next sewing group meeting will be Sat., April 4 at 10 a.m. at the Knitcraft's Yarn Shop (500 N Dodgion St, Independence, MO). The group continues to work on the origami top as well as a fitted vest.

KAWS/Fiber Fusion

Barrie Mason reported that our Fiber Fusion event is next month and overnight registration is full. Daytime spots are still available and April 1 is the final day for registration. Sandy Cahill requested that we consider entering items in the non-juried fashion show to highlight your work. The Fiber Fusion Committee is meeting later today to discuss how to proceed if the coronavirus requires us to cancel.

Rigid Heddle Study Group

No report.

New Business

70th Anniversary Committee

Margaret Smith-Whisker reported that a group met recently to discuss how we might celebrate the Guilds 70th anniversary in 2024. Some of the ideas being discussed include producing a book that reviews the past 70 years of history and maybe highlights a comparison of members' first weaving vs. a current weaving to show growth. Another idea being discussed is having a rotating fiber/weaving show at local libraries. Margaret is in the process of contacting the three main library groups in our area (Mid-Continent, Johnson County, and KCMO) to determine feasibility. Volunteers are needed on this committee in several capacities; contact Margaret if you are interested in helping.

September Member Challenge

Vickie Raynes kicked off the discussion about the theme of our September Member Challenge. After some discussion, we agreed on a project that combines a mug with a coordinating mug rug. Members are encouraged to bring a mug to the May or June meeting. At that time, we will have a drawing for mugs that will serve as inspiration for the mug rug creation. Mugs can be sourced from almost anywhere (e.g., current possession, dollar store, antique store) and it must be in usable condition. Any fiber technique is acceptable and the mug rug should measure approximately 4" X 6". Award categories are to be finalized in the near future. However, some ideas are: most complimentary rug/mug rug combination, best use of recycled material, most original, etc.

Holiday Gift Exchange

Vickie Raynes kicked off the discussion about our annual gift exchange at the December meeting. Several ideas were shared and discussed. Ultimately, we landed on creating a container that incorporates Reduce/Reuse/Recycle. The container concept is a generic concept that can be interpreted in a number of creative ways. It was moved, seconded and voted in favor unanimously.