

TSWG Minutes - August 12, 12 noon – Tavern Cafe

Meeting call to order – Sandi called the meeting to order at noon, Jan Lodge serving as acting secretary

Welcome Guests / visitors – Sandi, Judy, MaryAnn, Bobbi, Jan, and new member Tina Bustos.

July 2020 Minutes – Judy moved / seconded, unanimously approved

Treasurer's report – Information was shared about income and expenses for the month of July. We had expenses for yarn and the new brochures. You can review the report in the Treasurer's Book located in the studio.

Old Business:

Tavern Brochure - We need to submit a Guild synopsis for a new Tavern brochure. Judy will research and write out the history of the guild and Jan will summarize the info for the brochure.

Website -- new pictures from GP Camp are posted.

Yarn Supply -- Jan will no longer do personal orders with MoPurl, but we will continue to use them on a limited basis for studio purchases. There are several shades of red and green now; it's time to start on Christmas towels :-)

Cardboard Looms -- trying to purchase more plastic box containers; they seem rather pricey.

Kathy, do you have the source you used?

Equipment -- Sandi will form a small committee to inventory our excess equipment and supplies that we can get rid of. It will all be offered to guild members as a silent auction at the next meeting, and the remainder then will be sold at the September Farmers Market.

Guild Brochures -- Try to hand them out at every opportunity, at a minimum any visitors to the studio should have one.

Grandparent's Camp -- a huge success, thanks Tim!!!

Beginning Weaving Class -- We don't see how we can pull one off for the foreseeable future.

We need to inform all those who had previously signed up and offer to refund their \$.

What's Next? -- Need to restart. We will change to having it directly after the monthly meetings. September will be "Tricks of the Trade." We are asking everyone to bring one "trick" that they've discovered that solves a tricky task with their weaving/spinning. October will be "different loom styles", which Sandi will present and Jan will video.

New Business:

Menokin "Makers Day" -- Menokin was the home of Francis Lightfoot Lee and his wife Rebecca Tayloe, located outside of Warsaw. They are planning to have a day of demonstrations of crafts that would be common during the 1700's, either in June or October of 2021. We agreed we would like to participate, but prefer the October timeframe.

What is Happening in the Studio? -- Do we still want to keep Sally, and for what purpose? Yes, for the time being there is still interest in weaving rugs on her, and she will be used exclusively for that. So, anyone who interested in making rugs, speak up!

MAFA Diversity? -- While there is not much more we feel we can do to be more welcoming to everyone, it was suggested that we can encourage an interest in the fiber arts at a younger age. Discussion was to offer a scholarship to a promising high school student of color (not necessarily based on academic standing) who wants to pursue an interest in art. (RHHT Scholarship committee would administer the scholarship). This is open for discussion and input at the next meeting.

HGA -- The Handweavers Guild of America is rather desperate for funds, since their biennial convergence was cancelled this year. We encourage individuals to join, since this is such a wonderful resource for weavers around the world and it would be tragic to lose it.

Miscellaneous -- does everyone know there is a good-quality sewing machine in the studio, so we can sew the ends of our weaving right as we take it off the loom, before we take it home? Also discussed the guild selling towels at the Farmers Markets, but until we get more volunteers that will not be possible. We could set up a table on the lower porch to get more visibility of our products.

Store -- Sandi requested that whoever is in the studio on Wednesdays to do a walk-thru of the store and straighten up, rearrange where appropriate (to fill gaps where items have sold), and put out any new inventory that has come in the past week.

Show & Tell -- Among other things, Bobbi showed off the two rugs she made during her 3-day rug class with Tom Knisely. Stunning!!

Meeting Adjourned at about 2:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Lodge, temporary Secretary

What's Next -Topics:

Warping with a paddle	Inlay Weaving
Weaving to wear	Different loom styles
Weaving tartans	Weaving structures (twill, overshot, etc)
Tricks of the trade	The Guild's looms
The Guild's wheels	

Calendar dates:

Sept 2 -- next meeting

Sept 19 -- Farmers Market